

Ucluelet Aquarium
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Job Title: Aquarist/Interpreters
Status: Seasonal
Schedule: 37.5 hours per week, 5 days per week from 9:15AM - 5:15PM with 0.5hr lunch break. Must be able to work holidays and weekends & occasional evenings for special events.
Wage: TBD based on experience
Location: Ucluelet, B.C.
Start date: May 18, 2020 through to August 31, 2020

Overview:

The Ucluelet Aquarium seeks efficient, enthusiastic individuals who are capable both of self motivating during individual projects and working with a team. Aquarist/Interpreters monitor and maintain exhibit health and cleanliness, orient visitors through the facility as well as the community, and act as ambassadors for the surrounding marine environment. Through delivery of public talks and programs, Aquarist/Interpreters tell the stories of our complex marine ecosystems and the life histories of the inhabitants that reside within them. The Aquarist/Interpreter should be familiar with the marine life found on the west coast and should be an effective communicator of that knowledge. The Ucluelet Aquarium values teamwork, creativity and knowledge sharing. Applicants should be comfortable multi-tasking, public speaking and collaborating with others on projects.

Applicants must be able to work for the duration of the Aquarium's busy season (May - August), and must be able to work holidays and weekends. The Ucluelet Aquarium is an education-based public aquarium that aims to foster respect for local marine environments. With over 35,000 visitors per year, the Ucluelet Aquarium is a hub of excitement about fish, invertebrates, and seaweeds. As Canada's first Collect-and-Release aquarium, marine organisms are showcased temporarily in diverse exhibits, including beautiful recreations of sub-tidal zones, and accessible touch tanks. The Ucluelet Aquarium offers a diverse array of opportunities to learn about local ecology, and the connectedness between humans and nature. With the rich biodiversity of the coast just outside our door, we are ever changing and constantly finding new organisms to showcase.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Ensure animals are well cared for and healthy
- Interact with visitors while sharing knowledge of the aquarium's collection
- Greet visitors, handle admissions, and retail transactions
- Design educational displays and programs
- Participate in and lead educational events for the public
- Communicate with the public and the media in a professional manner
- Work with the aquarium team to collect and release aquarium specimens
- Assist in the maintenance of the flow-through sea water system
- Provide support to other areas of the Aquarium
- Assist in the organization, cleaning and maintenance of the aquarium
- Assist in the collection, handling, feeding and monitoring of aquarium specimens and water quality
- Communicate regularly with other staff members and offer assistance on their projects

Applicants must:

- Be able to qualify for the Canada Summer Jobs program which funds these positions (be between the ages of 15 to 30 years and either a permanent resident or Canadian citizen)
- Have training in biology or related field
- Be comfortable talking to visitors of all ages and backgrounds, answering questions about local species and ecosystems, and assisting them around the aquarium.
- Be comfortable working on and around ladders
- Be able to lift 50lbs
- Comfortable working in fluctuating weather conditions
- Confident moving through difficult terrain and slippery conditions
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada

Additional Assets:

- Proficiency in more than one language - English is essential
- Pre-arranged housing or housing opportunities within Ucluelet
- Experience with customer service an asset
- Experience working with animals an asset
- Competent swimmer in cold-water oceanic conditions

Notes:

This position works with different types of shellfish on a daily basis and may not be appropriate for someone with a severe shellfish allergy.

To apply:

Please drop off your **cover letter, resume** and a **minimum of 2 references** in person at the Ucluelet Aquarium (open 10am - 5pm), or email to: laura@uclueletaquarium.org with Attn: Aquarist/Interpreter Position 2020

Please indicate on your application whether you have secured housing.

Application closing date:

11:59pm (midnight) March 31st, 2020