

Ucluelet Aquarium
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Job Title: Aquarist/Interpreter
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
Term: **8 Weeks**
Wage: \$17.50/hr
Location: Ucluelet, B.C
Start date: As soon as possible
Notes: This position is funded through Canada Summer Jobs - a federal initiative to create jobs for Canadian youth. All applicants must fit the criteria of being Canadian residents/citizens, and be between 15 - 30 years of age on the position's start date.

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 summer season 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 and/or post-secondary education in marine biology, biological sciences or a related field.
- Working knowledge of marine flora and fauna of the BC coast
- 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
- Level 1 first aid with CPR-C/AED

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.

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

To apply:

Please email your **cover letter**, **resume** and a **minimum of 2 references** to:
patrick@uclueletaquarium.org with Attn: Aquarist/Interpreter Position 2021

Please indicate on your application whether you have secured housing in Ucluelet.

Application closing date:

11:59pm (midnight) July 31th, 2021

Interviews may be conducted throughout the posting period and the position may be filled prior to the application deadline.