

RE: Marine Educator Wet Lab Work Experience Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting **10 Students** for our **Wet Lab Marine Educator Work Experience Placement**.

As a Work Experience Student, you will be:

- Providing the ultimate educational experience for our school-aged visitors (grades K-12) and connect our visitors to a wide variety of animals and ecosystems from local BC waters via our popular behind-the-scenes Wet Labs (2 exclusive and unique interactive classrooms including touch pools).
- Caring for the Wet Labs live animal collection by assisting with animal husbandry tasks.

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| Title: | Marine Educator Wet Lab |
| Department: | Education |
| Point Persons: | <p>General Wet Lab Leads: Dana Turner and Laura Van Doormaal</p> <p>Contact: wet.lab@vanaqua.org</p> |
| Key Dates: | <p>Mandatory Group Interview: Sunday March 19th (time is to be confirmed)</p> <p>The Vancouver Aquarium will let students know if they have been selected for an interview by Wednesday March 15th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend both days</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Core Training: Sunday March 26th 10am to 4pm 2. Specialist Training: The week of March 27th. Students are expected to attend specific training on their regular scheduled first day. |
| Placement Dates: | <p>Wet Lab (excluding Group Interview and all training requirements) :</p> <p>Students will begin the week of March 27th and their placement will continue until the week of Friday June 23rd</p> <p>Students will volunteer regularly on either Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs or Friday from 9am-3pm</p> <p><u>excluding:</u> Good Friday –Friday April 14th</p> |

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| | Easter Monday- Monday April 17th Victoria Day- Monday May 22nd |
| Shifts: | Students will volunteer one set weekday every week. Monday-Friday 9-3pm |
| Description of Volunteer Opportunity: | <p>This placement will provide an excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge and stewardship skills with regard to caring for marine life and the marine environment while gaining teaching experience, strengthening communication skills, developing a sense of teamwork and exploring career options through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teaching visitors about marine shoreline life local to BC and the major conservation issues affecting it • participating in and facilitating safe handling of marine invertebrate animals • participating in daily animal care routines and operations in our Wet Lab facilities |
| Skills Preferred: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outgoing, enthusiastic and self-motivated • Students currently in Grades 10, 11 or 12. • High level of professionalism and commitment (i.e. sense of responsibility); • Interest in marine biology • Experience and/or genuine interest in educating or interacting with visitors, especially children and youth peers (grade levels K-12) • strong communications and problem-solving skills • highly flexible and adaptable to new and changing situations |
| Please Note: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday vols will <u>ideally</u> be able to communicate fluently in both French and English languages • Second language is an asset otherwise • Previous experience is an asset but not necessary-training will be provided. |
| Volunteer Benefits: | <p>Enter any specific & volunteer related benefits/skills they will acquire (does not include what VS offers Wex students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build knowledge of marine life and marine environment • Gain teaching experience in an informal setting |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain work experience hours • Priority placement in our volunteer training program |
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Interested Students:

If you have interested students, we ask that you advise them to apply by clicking on the link below. They will then be directed to our online application form through our volunteer management database.

By clicking the "Fill in an Application" button on the right side of the website, they can complete their application by entering in all of the required fields. Please advise them **to complete this application in one sitting** as they may have difficulty editing their profile afterwards.

Please note, that students will be given the option (not mandatory) to upload their resume & cover letter during this application, so I suggest having these on hand before beginning this process if they wish to do so.

If you could please remind your students to ensure that they have selected "Wex Student" when asked what type of volunteer placement they are applying for, and Marine Educator Wet Lab as the name of the specific position applying for. Students must also select April 2017 as the Wex placement date applying for.

Please note that students MUST complete all required fields indicated for their application to be received properly.

[Click here to apply.](#)

Students' applications will then be reviewed and applicants will be contacted via email for an in-person or telephone interview.

Please submit all online applications by Sunday March 12th at noon.

If you require more information about the Aquarium's Work Experience Program, our new application forms, or the specific responsibilities of the students, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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