

October 2016

RE: Winter 2017 WEX Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting **6 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). You will also have the opportunity to care for the Wet Labs live animal collection by assisting with animal husbandry tasks.

Title:	Marine Educator: Wet Lab
Department:	Education
Point Persons:	Dana Turner and Laura Van Doormaal
Key Dates:	<p>Group Interview: Sunday December 11th. Time to be confirmed, and by invitation only.</p> <p>The Vancouver Aquarium will let students know if they have been selected for an interview by December 8th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend all days outlined.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Training: Sunday January 8th from 8:30am-4:30pm • Specialist Training: Sunday January 15th from 12:30pm-4:30pm <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vol Role Walk-Through: any day of the week between Tuesday January 17th and Friday January 20th from 9:00am-4:00pm. Preferably attending on your assigned shift day
Placement Dates:	<p>Students will volunteer 1 day of out the week, on Tuesdays OR Wednesdays OR Thursdays OR Fridays:</p> <p>Tuesday January 17th to Friday March 10th (inclusive)</p>

Shifts:	Once weekly, from 9:00am – 3:00pm Excludes Family Day on February 13th.
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"> • Second language is an asset otherwise • Previous experience is an asset but not necessary-training will be provided.
Volunteer Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build knowledge of marine life and marine environment • Gain teaching experience in an informal setting • Gain work experience hours • Priority placement in our volunteer training program

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 students will be given the option to upload their resume & cover letter during this application, so I suggest having these on hand before beginning this process.

If you could also 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 Tuesday OR Wednesday OR Thursday OR Friday under the shift dates & times option.

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Please refer to the attached PDF “How To” guide if you have any questions regarding this process.

Students’ applications will then be reviewed and applicants will be contacted for an in-person or telephone interview approximately 4 days before the interview.

Please submit all online applications by Thursday December 1st 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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RE: January WEX Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting **2 to 4 students** for our **Bilingual French Marine Educator Gr K – 12 – Wet Labs**.

As a work experience student, you will be working within a team of staff, volunteers, and other students to teach young students (aged 4-9) about marine life using live animal displays, touchpools, and artifacts at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Title:	Marine Educator Bilingual Wetlab
Department:	Education
Point Persons:	Céline Modschiedler
Key Dates:	<p>Mandatory Group Interview: Sunday December 11th. Time to be confirmed, and by invitation only.</p> <p>The Vancouver Aquarium will let students know if they have been selected for an interview by December 8th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend both days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Training: Sunday January 8th from 8:30am to 4:30pm • Specialist Training: Sunday January 15th from 12:30pm to 4:30pm; AND Monday January 16th from 9:30am to 2:00pm
Placement Dates:	<p>Students will volunteer 1 day out of the week, on Mondays:</p> <p>January 23rd to March 6th (inclusive)</p>
Shifts:	9:30am to 2:00pm

Description of Volunteer Opportunity:	<p>This placement will provide an excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge regarding marine life and the marine environment while gaining teaching experience, communication skills, developing a sense of teamwork and exploring career options through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participating in daily teaching routines and operations behind the scenes • teaching children about marine life and the major conservation issues in marine ecosystems • participating in and facilitating safe handling of marine invertebrate animals as well as animal artifacts
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 • Interest in marine biology, teaching, working with children, or any combination thereof • Experience and/or genuine interest in educating or interacting with students • Strong FRENCH oral communications skills
Please Note:	<p>Previous teaching or biology experience is an asset but not necessary-training will be provided. MUST SPEAK FRENCH</p>
Volunteer Benefits:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain experience in working in groups and with children • Build knowledge of marine life and marine environment • Gain teaching experience in an informal setting • Priority placement in the volunteer training • Gain work experience hours

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they are applying for, and **Marine Educator Bilingual Wetlab** as the name of the specific position applying for.

Students must also select **Monday** under the shift dates & times option.

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RE: WINTER WEX Placement

The Vancouver Aquarium is currently recruiting 2 to 4 **students** for our **Bilingual French Marine Educator Gr K – 3 – Les Merveilles/Staying Alive**.

As a work experience student, you will be working within a team of staff, volunteers, and other students to teach young students (aged 4-9) about marine life using live animal displays, touchpools, and artifacts at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Title:	Marine Educator Bilingual K to Gr 3
Department:	Education
Point Persons:	Céline Modschiedler
Key Dates:	<p>Mandatory Group Interview: Sunday December 11th. Time to be confirmed, and by invitation only.</p> <p>The Vancouver Aquarium will let students know if they have been selected for an interview by December 8th.</p> <p>Mandatory Training: all students must attend both days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Training: Sunday January 8th from 8:30am to 4:30pm • Specialist Training: Sunday January 15th from 12:30pm to 4:30pm; AND Tuesday January 17th from 9:30am to 2:00pm
Placement Dates:	<p>Students will volunteer 1 day out of the week, on Tuesdays:</p> <p>January 24th to March 7th (inclusive) = 9 :30am – 2 :00pm</p>
Shifts:	9:30am to 2:00pm

Description of Volunteer Opportunity:	<p>This placement will provide an excellent opportunity for students to build their knowledge regarding marine life and the marine environment while gaining teaching experience, communication skills, developing a sense of teamwork and exploring career options through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participating in daily teaching routines and operations behind the scenes • teaching children about marine life and the major conservation issues in marine ecosystems • participating in and facilitating safe handling of marine invertebrate animals as well as animal artifacts
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 • Interest in marine biology, teaching, working with children, or any combination thereof • Experience and/or genuine interest in educating or interacting with students • Strong FRENCH oral communications skills
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