

Aquarist role at the Alberni Aquarium Association – Port Alberni, BC

The Opportunity:

The Alberni Aquarium Association is looking for an Aquarist to join our team. We are seeking an individual that enjoys caring for aquatic animals and engaging with the public in a fun, creative, and enthusiastic manner. As the caretaker, you will oversee all aspects that allow the Aquarium to operate for the well-being of the animals. You must have an interest in environmental stewardship and education. You will be responsible for reporting to the Board of Directors for all facility operations.

Who We Are:

The Alberni Aquarium Association aims to inspire curiosity of the natural world through environmental education and stewardship; with all goals driven by community collaboration. The Aquarium strives to celebrate the beauty of the region. The exhibits feature ecosystems ranging from freshwater salmon habitats to the deep ocean environment. The Aquarium offers something for everyone!

We are a non-profit organization that works to provide accessible and inclusive environmental education to all individuals.

The Ideal Candidate:

You will have a background in environmental education. You will also bring with you strong leadership skills with the capacity to be self-driven.

- Education in biological science or field-based experience and/or an educator background
- Experience in customer service
- Knowledge of local flora and fauna an asset
- Experience with interpretive delivery
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Experience training and working with volunteers
- Strong leadership skills, ability to set clear expectations, and create an environment where other employees are motivated and able to do their best
- Professional, friendly, upbeat, and proactive in problem-solving
- Must have or be willing to acquire a criminal record check
- Current Level 1 First Aid certification with CPR-C

The Role – Hired through Canada Summer Jobs Grant

Part-time or Full-time placement (up to 35 hrs/wk for 8 weeks or part-time 15- 20 hrs/week for 16 weeks) with flexibility depending on applicant's schedule.

Estimated Salary: \$15.60/hr

Must be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment.

Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* for the duration of the employment

Must have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations

If you are interested in joining us – send your cover letter and resume (with two references) to alberniaaquariumassociation@gmail.com!

The application process will close when the ideal candidate is found.