



## Junior Aquarist

(Full Time starting July; 4-month contract  
with possible extension)

**Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea**, located on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ peoples and beautiful waterfront of the Salish Sea in Sidney, is a registered charitable organization and community leader in science and learning. Connecting the public with the Salish Sea Bioregion and its ecosystems through engagement, knowledge and awareness, the Centre offers an interactive and informative experience to young and old – welcoming 70,000 visitors a year. Over 3,000 animal ambassadors in their natural habitats – wolf eels, sea stars, salmon, and a Giant Pacific octopus make up over 160 species that provide a real life, face-to-face nature experience for our visitors.

**Position:** Our not-for-profit, community-based organization is looking for a reliable and hardworking individual to join our dynamic, committed team as a **Junior Aquarist**.

The Centre operates with a small, hardworking and versatile team. While this role will focus on the specialty areas of animal care and habitat maintenance, every member of our team is required to cross train and pitch in to support the Centre's needs. This positive and open approach to team work and institutional requirements will be a critical quality for the successful candidate.

**Duties & Responsibilities** - Assisting the Head of Animal Care and Lead Aquarist in the critical areas of cleaning, maintenance, animal care as well as volunteer and visitor experience support.

### *Cleaning & Maintenance*

- Maintaining exhibits that showcase the Salish Sea
- Daily cleaning of aquarist room and behind the scene areas to a high standard
- Daily monitoring of animal health and wellness
- Daily maintenance of various filtration systems
- Daily cleaning of aquarium habitats and Life support systems as required
- Weekly and monthly deep cleaning behind exhibits and of life support systems
- Weekly laundry duties of equipment used by the aquarist team
- Assisting with the maintenance of life support systems
- Assist in the annual facility closure cleaning and maintenance activities

### *Animal Care*

- Constant observation of our all animals under our care to ensure well being
- Daily food prep and feeding duties including cleaning food prep equipment daily
- Keeping detailed records of daily activities and observations

- Monitoring water quality on a daily and weekly basis
- Maintaining jellyfish cultures
- Maintaining larval fish and brine shrimp cultures
- Collecting and transporting animals following the SCSS transport protocols
- Assisting with care for quarantined animals and provide treatment under the supervision of the Lead Aquarist and Head of Animal Care

*Volunteer & Visitor Experience Support*

- Support the supervision of a team of volunteers and interns helping with daily duties
- Regularly share knowledge with the Centre's team of volunteers and staff
- Support periodic animal and habitat orientation sessions as directed by the Head of Animal Care

**Qualifications & Requirements:**

- A degree/diploma in marine biology, zoology, environmental technology, animal health technology or related field
- Working knowledge of local fish and invertebrates
- Proven guest/public interaction
- Ability to provide quality written reports
- Must possess strong verbal communication skills
- Be comfortable working unsupervised and following precise routines
- Be self motivated, resourceful, and show initiative
- Ability to work regular weekend shifts
- Must have basic knowledge of Microsoft suite programs
- Ability to lift 50lbs, climb ladders, work safely in enclosed working environment

**Skills & Attributes:**

- Demonstrate great attention to detail
- Ability to follow directives and given instructions
- Ability to work as a member of a team
- Ability to cross-train and assist other departments in the organization

**Our ideal candidate is a:**

- reliable, hard working individual with a desire to learn
- team player who is enthusiastic about the Centre's mandate and service to the community

**Wage:** \$15.50/hour

**Applications:** Please send a cover letter and resume as one pdf to Kit Thornton [kit.thornton@salishseacentre.org](mailto:kit.thornton@salishseacentre.org). Deadline for application is June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Applications will be reviewed as received. *We thank all applicants for their submission but only those under consideration will be contacted for a one-on-one interview.*

**The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** is owned and operated by the New Marine Centre Society, a registered charitable society. Our mission is to create experiences that engage people to learn about, explore and conserve the Salish Sea Bioregion – its wildlife, waters, land, culture, and people.