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JOB POSTING

Youth Science Ambassador - Coastal BC Positions, Ocean Networks Canada

Starting date TBD, 2024 for a one-year term with potential renewal

\$25/hour, 10 hours a week

The Youth Science Ambassador (YSA) Program is an innovative initiative of Ocean Networks Canada (ONC). The program connects youth from local communities with world-leading ocean science and place-based Indigenous knowledge. Involving both rural and urban Indigenous communities, the YSA Program is all about engaging and inspiring the next generation of ocean scientists, marine resource managers, guardians and environmental stewards by exploring connections between the local marine environment and the global ocean.

The program is facilitated by local youth in a variety of communities along coastal British Columbia and in the Canadian Arctic. Each position is adapted to meet the needs and interests of each YSA and their respective community. The Youth Science Ambassadors work to explore their local environment and connect educators and students with ocean data and Indigenous Knowledge. These connections will be made through the development and exploration of research projects and learning modules relevant to the local ocean environment. This part-time, remote position would be suitable for an individual who is between 18 – 30 years. This position is located in the home community of the applicant.

Job Duties and Training

As a Youth Science Ambassador, you will:

- Receive training in introductory oceanography, data, and ocean technology
- Have an opportunity to connect place-based Indigenous knowledge from your community with ocean science and data
- Work with local youth and network with YSAs from other regions
- Meet ocean scientists and educators
- Learn communication, presentation, computer and other professional skills
- Assist visiting ONC employees in conducting field work

Desired Skills and Qualities

- Passionate about the shared connections between Indigenous Knowledge and Ocean Science
- Experience working with youth and/or children
- Ability to work independently
- Experience working with Indigenous communities
- Excellent communication skills
- Willing and able to travel
- A combination of education and experience will be considered

Locations

Ocean Networks Canada is seeking Youth Science Ambassadors in the following communities:

- **Port Alberni, BC**
- **Victoria, BC**
- **Prince Rupert, BC**

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- Kitamaat Village, BC
- Sooke, BC
- Bamfield, BC
- Nanaimo, BC
- Haida Gwaii, BC

Virtual and in person training will be provided. A computer will be provided but Internet access is required for this position.

In accordance with the university's Equity Plan and pursuant to Section 42 of the BC Human Rights Code, the selection will be limited to members of the following designated group(s). Candidates from the group(s) are encouraged to self-identify.

*** Indigenous Peoples**

ONC is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our living, learning and work environments. In pursuit of our values, we seek members who will work respectfully and constructively with differences and across levels of power. We actively encourage applications from members of [groups experiencing barriers to equity](#). Read our full equity statement here: www.uvic.ca/equitystatement.

To apply

To apply submit a short cover letter and résumé to learning@oceannetworks.ca. Please clearly identify the location/community of which you have knowledge.

More information about Ocean Networks Canada can be found at oceannetworks.ca; more information about the University of Victoria can be found at uvic.ca.

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