



Mission: Bring STEAM to life through hands-on science learning experiences. Discovery Centre's mandate is advanced through the presentation of high-quality STEAM educational experiences.

Ocean Energy Facilitator (Student WIL/Co-op Term)

Department:	Science Education
Supervisor:	Director of Science Education
Position Category:	Full time co-op term
Wage:	\$18.50 per hour
Hours of Work:	35 hours per week; 16 weeks
Start Date:	May 13, 2026
Application Deadline:	February 17, 2026

Applicants **must be current students in a Co-op program and** returning to post-secondary studies in Fall 2026. The applicant must meet any additional candidate eligibility criteria of the grant program(s) funding this role. Applicants may be required to complete a pre-screening survey to determine if they meet the eligibility criteria.

Position Summary:

For over 35 years, the Discovery Centre has developed a reputation for being Nova Scotia's leader in the delivery of exciting hands-on, minds-on science programming for youth.

Discovery Centre is committed to leveraging our facility, people, and programming to create inclusive spaces that ignite a passion for science and discovery. We are also committed to advancing diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility practices within our workplace, public engagement spaces, and programming. Our Centre's Board of Directors, management, and staff believe diverse participation and representation are essential and that our networks thrive when we create an inclusive and equitable culture where all people can see themselves reflected, feel respected, and have their contributions valued.

The main objective of the position is to help create exciting and stimulating science education experiences for visitors in the energy and ocean galleries. The position will facilitate public programming that provides visitors with exciting science demonstrations related to energy sources that are being developed from ocean, land, and technology within the province of Nova Scotia.

The Facilitator will engage the public in everything they are doing and provide an enthusiastic welcome to the Galleries, helping visitors engage with the exhibits and programs.

Description of Tasks:

The Ocean/Energy Facilitator works in the Science Education department and reports to the Director of Science Education. The primary tasks of the position are:

- Communicating science and creating an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment around the topics of ocean and energy for all ages.
- Helping maintain the life support systems of aquaria, ensuring that the life within an aquarium is properly managed, that the environment is conducive to the plants and animals growing and thriving, and that the living beings have everything else that they need to live well
- Sharing information with the general public; helping visitors engage with the gallery experiences
- Maintaining a safe and clean working environment, keeping up to date with health and safety requirements and training
- Developing and delivering programming and content
- Ensuring that displays and exhibits remain clean and that the living beings are in good shape to be viewed by the public
- May help with species collecting at designated license/permit sites: this is limited to gathering species by hand, snorkeling and with hip waders.

Qualifications:

Education: Post-secondary studies in marine biology, aquaculture, environmental studies, or related discipline

Experience: Experience in a front-line setting dealing with the public; experience in science communication

Language Requirements: Fluency in English is required; additional languages (especially French) considered an asset

Competencies:

- Exceptional communication skills
- Highly adaptable
- Able to take initiative
- Highly organized
- Works well as part of a team
- Effective interpersonal skills
- Comfortable engaging strangers
- Proactive problem-solving

Other Qualifications:

- Depth of knowledge in marine and freshwater species of flora and fauna and their associated ecosystems
- Technical knowledge of aquaria, their operations, life support systems, maintenance, considered an asset
- First Aid and WHMIS an asset

Eligibility: Applicants must be current students returning to post-secondary studies in Fall 2026 and must qualify for Coop Program or the Student Work Placement Program in order to be considered.

Application:

Applications are to be emailed to recruitment@thediscoverycentre.ca. Applicants are to submit their resume, cover letter, and references. Please note the position that you are applying for in the subject line of your email application. All applications will be reviewed but only those chosen for an interview will be contacted. All applicants are thanked in advance for their interest. **Please note: this position is dependent upon receipt of funding.**

Discovery Centre promotes equal employment opportunities for all job applicants, and we encourage applications from candidates who self-identify as a member of an underrepresented group, including Indigenous people (especially Mi'kmaq), people of Black/African descent (especially African Nova Scotians), members of other racialized groups, women, people with disabilities, and members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

We are committed to providing an inclusive and barrier-free work environment, starting with the hiring process. If you need to be accommodated during any phase of the evaluation process, please contact recruitment@thediscoverycentre.ca to request specialized accommodation. All information received in relation to accommodation will be kept confidential.