



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.

STEM Camp Counsellor (Temporary Seasonal)

Department:	Science Education
Supervisor:	Manager of Science Education
Position Category:	Full time, temporary seasonal contract
Wage:	\$17.25 per hour
Hours of Work:	35 hours per week; 12 weeks
Start Date:	June 8, 2026
Application Deadline:	March 31, 2026

Applicants **must be between the ages of 15-30 and be a Canadian citizen/permanent resident** as per the 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. International applicants with work visas are ineligible under this funding program and will not be considered for this role.

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 STEM Camp Counsellor is to co-develop and deliver exciting STEM activities for camp participants (ages 5-12). Discovery Centre is offering multiple summer camps in 2025 that explore societally relevant topics such as Environmental and Climate Science, Biodiversity, Chemistry and Plant Science.

The Camp Counsellor will benefit from the opportunity to work in a changing and dynamic science-themed camp setting, providing significant opportunity to improve upon their communication skills, organizational skills, knowledge of science, knowledge of educational practices, and ability to work with children. The individual will gain time management skills,

experience working in a team setting, confidence teaching and delivering educational programs, and supervisory skills for youth.

Description of Tasks:

The STEM Camp Counsellor works in the Science Education department and reports to the Manager of Science Education and the STEM Camp Leader. The primary tasks of the position are:

- Successfully collaborating with the Camp Leader in the development, planning, rehearsal, and delivery of camp activities and games, for children ages 5-8 or 9-12 in a museum/science centre setting
- Supervising campers while taking responsibility for their safety and enjoyment
- Assisting in providing guidance to campers and youth volunteers
- Maintaining a clean and safe work area
- Assisting in camp promotion
- Tracking camp weeks in daily journal of activities

Qualifications:

Education: Post-secondary studies in science, education, recreation, or a related discipline

Experience: Experience in child supervision, preferably in an educational, recreational, museum or camp setting; experience in preparing and presenting workshops an asset

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

Competencies:

- Works well as part of a team
- Exceptional communication skills
- Leadership skills
- Good time management and punctuality
- Highly organized
- Reliable and trustworthy

Other Qualifications:

- Proficient in MS Office applications
- Must pass a criminal record check or vulnerable sector check
- First Aid and WHMIS certification an asset

Eligibility: Applicants must qualify for Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works, or SKILL in order to be considered. A full commitment to the employment dates is also required.

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. The hiring process includes reviewing resumes that have been submitted, identifying which resumes fit the qualifications for the position and interviewing each candidate that has been selected from the interview process. Two (2) people conduct interviews with scoring sheets as the method of tracking responses. The potential successful candidates' references are the final step in the process. The successful candidate is selected and contacted with the position offer.

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.