

The position

The Canadian Heritage Project, developed and managed by the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association, was created in response to the interests of the Garden visitors and the broader community. This project aims to incorporate Canadian natural and cultural heritage into our educational programs by highlighting and complementing our existing collections and resources including the Canadian Medicinal Garden, Canadian Heritage Garden, Cascadia Garden, BC Bird Habitat, and medicine wheel ceremonies.

Responsibilities

- Become familiar with VanDusen Botanical Garden collections, specifically with collections related to Canadian Heritage.
- Learn the VBGA's overall educational program methodology and program specific content.
- Evaluate, contribute to, and lead educational tours and activities for summer camp groups.
- Modify existing programs to expand components related to Canadian natural and cultural heritage and invite new First Nations focused community groups to participate in our programs.
- Research and develop a training guide and execute a workshop related to Canadian natural and cultural heritage for our volunteer guides.

Qualifications and experience

- Minimum 2 years post-secondary education in ecology, education, First Nations and Indigenous studies, or a related field.
- Experience delivering educational programs to diverse audiences, especially children aged 5-10 years old.
- Strong customer service and communion skills
- Ability to write fluently in English

Assets:

- Speak a second language
- Have cultural sensitivity training or related training
- Are familiar with Indigenous focused programs in the Lower Mainland
- Are knowledgeable and interested in plants and/or gardening

Eligibility

- Preference will be given to self-declared Indigenous youth
- This position is funded in part by the Canada Summer Jobs Program. To be eligible to apply you must be currently registered as a full-time student (under 30yrs of age) and intending to return to full-time school in fall 2018.

Wage

- \$16.00 per hour (30 hours per week) from June 4 – August 31, 2018

Closing date for applications: Friday, April 16th, 2018

Submit resume and cover letter to:

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