

Tofino Field School Coordinator

The Raincoast Education Society (established 2000) is a non-profit organization based in Tofino, BC with a mandate to shape an environmentally sustainable future for the Clayoquot and Barkley Sound region through education and community stewardship. We seek to accomplish our mission through a broad range of high-quality educational and research programs focused on the natural environment, cultures, and communities of the Clayoquot and Barkley Sound region.

The RES is currently seeking applications for the position of **Tofino Field School Coordinator** within our organization. Raincoast Field School is an outdoor education program designed to meet BC curricular outcomes while providing hands-on learning opportunities for students in our local public schools. It is a collaborative program developed by the Raincoast Education Society (RES) and the teachers at the Tofino and Ucluelet elementary schools.

Primary roles and responsibilities will include:

- Developing and delivering outdoor educational and experiential programs about the natural environment and the cultural history of the region for each class at the Wickaninnish Community School, with lessons tailored to each age group (K-7).
- Collaborating with teachers to develop programs that are connected to in-class learning.
- Designing lessons that incorporate First People's Principles of Learning; learning that is holistic, and focused on connectedness, reciprocal relationships and sense of place.
- Implementing safety protocols within each program.

Additional responsibilities will include:

- Collaborating with other RES staff and community stakeholders.
- Seeking out possible funding sources and assisting in report writing.
- Assisting with the planning and implementation of the RES summer schedule, including youth camps and interpretive programming.
- Supporting core programs of the RES by assisting with other tasks as required, including leading interpretive programs, assisting with ongoing research programs, and helping run weekend and evening events.

An ideal candidate will have:

- A post-secondary degree in biological sciences (or other relevant field), with a background of practical application such as education and/or outreach.

- 3-5 years of previous interpretation or education experience
- Experience developing educational programs for elementary-aged children
- Knowledge of west coast ecosystems, local history and local culture
- Experience working with and collaborating with First Nation communities
- Experience working independently. The RES staff is a small team, and each member must be able to work well in close collaboration with others, but also be able to manage their time effectively and work alone on specific projects.
- Experience working outdoors for extended periods of time
- Experience in risk management and implementing safety protocol

Certifications:

- Standard first aid certification
- Advanced Wilderness First Aid certification or willingness to obtain AWFA certification
- Class 4 Driver’s License, or willingness to obtain Class 4 license
- Guiding certificates (such as kayaking or life-saving skills) are an asset

This is a full-time (37.5 hours/week), year-round position based in Tofino, B.C. This is a salaried position, with a range of \$36,000 - \$40,000 per year depending on experience. The start date for this position is no later than September 3, 2019. The candidate will be responsible for securing housing either in Tofino or Ucluelet.

How to Apply:

If you are interested in applying, please submit a cover letter, CV, and references to Ariane Batic, Education Director: ariane@raincoasteducation.org with “COORDINATOR APPLICATION: your full name” in the subject heading. Any questions can be directed to the same email address.

Deadline to submit an application is July 31st, 2019