

Job Description — Geneskool[®] Volunteer

Job Title:

Volunteer

Commitment:

Unpaid volunteer position. Eligible expenses (mileage, parking, transit, meals) reimbursed per Genome BC policy. Weekday availability (9am–3pm) required, with a genuine effort made to sign up for at least one volunteer opportunity per month.

Reporting Structure:

You will report to the Site Coordinator for your Service Hub.

Job Scope:

Genome BC's Geneskool[®] program is looking for volunteers who want to be role models for the next generation of scientists — connecting students across British Columbia to the world of genomics and life sciences.

As a Geneskool volunteer, you may choose to visit classrooms, help facilitate day-long and week-long workshops in the lab, or engage the public at events in communities across the province. You will work alongside fellow volunteers, your Site Coordinator, and Geneskool staff to deliver hands-on learning experiences that build scientific literacy and curiosity in BC communities.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Facilitate hands-on Geneskool activities for students in classrooms, laboratories, and community settings, following session plans and the direction of your Site Coordinator
- Act as a role model who connects students to the scientific community and helps them see themselves in science
- Follow Geneskool's practices, policies and safety procedures to ensure a safe, positive learning experience for every student
- Complete required onboarding and training steps to take on more independent responsibility as your experience grows



Qualifications, Skills & Abilities

Required

- Aged 19 years or older
- Enrolled in or holding an undergraduate degree or higher; candidates not currently enrolled may be considered where they demonstrate equivalent knowledge through relevant work, community, or educational experience
- Weekday availability (9am–3pm), when most volunteer opportunities occur
- A genuine commitment to signing up for at least one volunteer opportunity per month
- English comprehension sufficient to understand program content and follow facilitation and safety instructions

Considerable asset

- Experience working with children or youth — tutoring, coaching, camps, recreational programs, community outreach
- Experience in science education, outreach, or communication outside formal academic settings
- Fluent spoken English

Asset

- Prior facilitation or teaching experience, formal or informal
- Hands-on experience with foundational techniques in molecular biology, microbiology, bioinformatics or other life sciences
- A valid Class 5 driver's license

How to Apply

Complete the Geneskool Volunteer application form at

<https://www.genomebc.ca/geneskool/volunteer-with-us-geneskool/>. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

We thank you for your interest in volunteering with Genome BC! A member of our team will follow up if your application is successful.



About Genome British Columbia

Genome BC is a not-for-profit organization that has advanced genomics research and innovation for more than 25 years, growing a world class life sciences sector in BC and delivering sustainable benefits for British Columbia, Canada and beyond. Genome BC has attracted over \$1.2 billion in direct co-investment to the province, which has contributed to funding more than 650 genomics research and innovation projects. These initiatives enhance healthcare and address environmental and natural resource challenges, improving the lives of British Columbians. Genome BC also integrates genomics into society by supporting responsible research and innovation and fostering an understanding and appreciation of the life sciences among educators, students and the public. www.genomebc.ca

