

ARE YOU A SCIENTIST SEEKING TO SHARE YOUR RESEARCH AND WORK WITH YOUR COMMUNITY?



Science World's new Community Scientist Initiative (CSI) is looking for scientists, researchers and other science-based professionals, with a keen interest in engaging with public audiences, to become science communicators and ambassadors. Community Scientists will support Science World in engaging British Columbians in science and inspiring future science and technology leadership throughout our province by providing regular opportunities for our visitors to explore current science and technology with local passionate professionals.

Supported by gallery Curators and under the direction of the CSI Director, you will develop and deliver activities and experiences in our facility, TELUS World of Science. These activities will enhance our visitor experience by providing connections to real and/or regionally relevant science and technology.

Becoming a Community Scientist

- Community Scientists participate in a series of two (2) professional enrichment workshops focused on building skills to effectively engage public audiences. Community Scientists refine key messages related to their areas of expertise and practice simple techniques for talking science with non-scientists.
- Each Community Scientist will develop a hands-on educational activity directly related to their area of work. Ample concept development and materials selection support is provided by Science World educators. Activities may be used to engage Science World at TELUS World of Science visitors in public programs, school programs, Community Science Celebrations, online resources and other outreach activities.
- Community Scientists participate in a minimum of four (4) Science World public programs per year. Opportunities include regular weekend programming, special event weekends, summer camp guest presenter, Future Science Leaders guest presenter, Café Scientifique speaker, Scientist and Innovators in the Schools presenter, etc. A calendar of opportunities will be available quarterly.

Benefits

- Letters of acknowledgement and professional documentation, suitable for sharing with supervisors and for grant reporting.
- Professional development, including workshops on developing inquiry-based activities and one on one mentorship with Science World educators.
- Opportunities to network with local scientists committed to public engagement and education professionals.
- In addition, Community Scientists will enjoy exhibit and OMNIMAX passes to share with family and friends and receive invitations to special events and social receptions.

Qualifications

- Completion of at least one year of graduate program in science, education or related field. Relevant professional experience may be considered in lieu of graduate studies.
- Must be enthusiastic, self-motivated, and capable of working in a dynamic team environment.
- Proven ability to speak and perform before audiences of varying size and composition.
- Proficiency with MS programs and computers.
- Must be willing to work outside in all weather conditions.
- Experience working with children and/or the public would be an asset.

If you are interested in participating in the Community Scientist Initiative, please send your CV to csi@scienceworld.ca.