



**1100 Chestnut Street Vancouver British Columbia V6J 3J9**

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

**Position:** Astronomer  
**Department:** Learning Services  
**Reports To:** Director of Learning  
**Posting Date:** Friday, May 31, 2019  
**Closing Date:** Monday, June 17, 2019  
**Salary:** This is a full time position, weekdays, with some weekend and evening work. Pay Grade 22 (\$25.31 per hour) plus benefits  
This position falls under the jurisdiction of CUPE Local 15

### **Nature of Position**

Learning is an important aspect of the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre mandate. Every day visitors of all ages are engaged with a sense of wonder about the universe, our planet and space exploration. The Space Centre is seeking a dynamic individual to work as an Astronomer to provide technical and scientific support to Space Centre public and school programs, media relations, staff, research activities and multi-media productions.

### **Major Duties and Responsibilities**

Working with the staff in Learning Services, the Astronomer is expected to act with initiative, work independently and as part of a team. Responsibilities include: answering media, staff and public inquiries about astronomy and space science; preparing and presenting public presentations; assisting with the programming and operations of the Gordon Southam Observatory. The astronomer is engaged in developing, planning, evaluation, and executing programs and events. This includes assisting in the production of multi-media shows; organizing activities that promote community interest in astronomy and space sciences; assisting with the development of astronomy and space science related resources; and communicating current information about astronomical events and space science news.

### **Qualifications**

- ❖ A passion for working with people of all ages
- ❖ Considerable knowledge of astronomy
- ❖ Strong organizational skills
- ❖ Sound knowledge of principles, methods, and procedure involved in developing programs, special events and multi-media shows
- ❖ Ability to develop new concepts and revise existing content for school and public programs
- ❖ Ability to respond to media and public inquiries
- ❖ Ability to research astronomical events and prepare related material related to a variety of media including print, email, website, and social media outlets
- ❖ Ability to communicate effectively with groups and individuals
- ❖ Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a variety of internal and external contacts
- ❖ Completion of a university degree in astronomy supplemented by sound related experience, preferably in a science centre environment, or an equivalent combination of training and experience
- ❖ Valid BC Driver's License

Please submit application not later than 5:00 pm **Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019** to:

**Director of Human Resources: [careers@spacecentre.ca](mailto:careers@spacecentre.ca)**