

# GenAction Program Lead

Reports to: Director of Programming Starting wage: \$22.23 Temporary Full-Time (Term ends Oct. 31, 2024)

## General Description:

The GenAction Program Lead works to fulfill the Saskatchewan Science Centre's mission of igniting scientific curiosity in Saskatchewan communities through interactive, dynamic, and engaging opportunities through the delivery of workshops, community events, and talks relating to the GenAction climate action program for youth developed in collaboration with the Canadian Association of Science Centres.

The Program Lead will build on the work completed on Science Spotlights created highlighting the research in Saskatchewan relating to water and deliver the complimentary programming around it. This position directly works with the GenAction funding program to help youth find ways to learn about climate change, and how greenhouse gas emissions affect it. The Program Lead helps youth find opportunities to enact change on a personal level, as well as at community level.

# Specific Responsibilities

The Science Communicator is responsible for:

#### **Program Development and Delivery**

- The Program Lead contributes to the ongoing development and improvement of programming by making suggestions, contributing ideas and working with the programming staff to create, change, and improve demonstrations, activities, and workshops.
- The Program Lead delivers a wide range of science programs both at the Saskatchewan Science Centre and in the community. The ideal candidate is approachable, knowledgeable and able to work independently.
- The Program Lead is involved in the delivery of outreach programming related to the climate change and climate action, including workshops, demonstrations and community programs to educate, engage, and inspire visitors and participants.
- Highlighting innovations in the field of environmental science, conservation and biology.
- $\circ$   $\;$  Submission of reports and data in relation to the GenAction funding program.

#### Leadership

The Program Lead will be responsible for the supervision, coaching, and encouragement of positive attitudes in staff by implementing a strong training program for environmental programs at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. The GenAction Program Lead works directly with other programming staff to find areas for collaboration.

#### **Professional development**

The Program Lead will be required to continually upgrade skills and techniques in the delivery of programming to varied audiences with a wide range of education levels. In addition, the Science Communicator will continually upgrade their knowledge in science communication through workshops, communities of practice, and communications with local and national researchers.

#### **Other Duties**

The Program Lead will be asked to assist with a variety of tasks related to the operation of the Science Centre and the delivery of programming and special events.

### Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Completed post-secondary degree in science, outdoor education, combined with related experience and/or training in interpretation, science communication and/or informal learning. Preference will be given to those who have education environmental sciences or ecology.
- 3-4 years experience working as an informal science educator
- Proven leadership skills and experience in training, mentoring, or coaching employees.
- Curiosity and a keen interest in science and science literacy.
- Strong written communications skills. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate their ability to explain complicated concepts in an approachable manner.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- A positive attitude with a high level of customer relations skills.
- Training in First Aid/CPR, OH&S and WHMIS would be considered an asset.

## Working Conditions

- This is a temporary <u>Full-time</u> position and falls under the salary grid level 5.
- **This position will require travel.** Some weekend and evening availability will be required.
- The Saskatchewan Science Centre will provide meal per diems, a vehicle, and will also cover accommodations when travelling.
- Apply to Jesse Searcy, Director of Programming at <u>isearcy@sasksciencecentre.com</u>. Please include a cover letter and resume.