2020/2021 WORK STUDY PROGRAM

JOB POSTING

JOB TITLE: PHYS1 – Astronomy Open House Assistant

DEPARTMENT NAME: Department of Physics and Astronomy

CONTACT NAME: Dr. Karun Thanjavur and Ms. Susan Gnucci

Important Note: Given the current Provincial Health advice due to Covid-19, the Open House will be conducted only online in Fall 2020. Depending on circumstances, this may continue during Spring 2021 also, or restrictions may be lifted and in-person operations resume then.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

Online: Under the Senior Astronomy Lab Instructor’s direction, the Astronomy Open House Assistant will conduct online astronomy related discussions and Q&A sessions for the general public one night per week (usually on Wednesdays), every week. These will be done using UVic Zoom platform. On occasion, the applicant is also expected to give a presentation on an astronomy related topic of their choice. On request, the applicant will provide similar outreach sessions for school groups.

In-Person (only if permitted): Under the Senior Astronomy Lab Instructor’s direction, the Astronomy Open House Assistant will conduct tours of the UVic observatory and facilitate observing the night sky to the general public one night per week (usually on Wednesdays), every week. The applicant will set up telescopes available at the Uvic observatory, and should be familiar with observing stars, planets and other celestial objects of interest with our telescopes. On occasion, the applicant will be expected to do the same for introductory astronomy lab classes and school groups.

QUALIFICATIONS:

A strong interest in Astronomy and a well-developed skill in observational astronomy, with the use of telescopes and computers. The applicant will need good verbal and written communication skills, and good team spirit while working with peers. The applicant should also be comfortable with the set up and use of online teaching platforms, specifically with UVic Zoom.

JOB LOCATION ON-CAMPUS: Online via UVic Zoom (Fall 2020), and in-person (likely in Spring 2021)

WORK STUDY WAGE: $15.50/hour (including 4% vacation pay)

HOURS AVAILABLE: 300 (Job Share)

HOW TO APPLY: Email resume to Monica Lee-Bonar at phast@uvic.ca

APPLICANTS MUST BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK STUDY PROGRAM
For details go to: http://www.uvic.ca/registrar/safa/work-study/index.php