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# The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation Observatory Attendant Temporary Part-Time (June 16, 2025 – September 1, 2025) Up to 4 positions

Located in the heart of amiskwacîwâskahikan  $\sqrt{\Gamma^0 b} \dot{\cap} \Delta^b$  in Treaty Six Territory and the Métis Homeland, at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton (TWOSE) we are a catalyst for lifelong learning, creating a community of curious minds through immersive experiences and connections with the wonders of science.

We take pride in building a culture that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive. Science is for everyone, and the Science Centre team is as diverse as our guests. We encourage Black, Indigenous, and racialized peoples, persons living with disability and neurodiversity, women, sexual and gender minorities, and members of all minority groups to apply.

Be part of an organization that values diverse perspectives, identities, abilities, and expressions. From cosmic discoveries through telescopes to 'Aha!' moments under microscopes, join the Science Centre team as we work towards our vision of becoming the trusted hub of science engagement, pushing boundaries and igniting curiosity

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under the direction of the Senior Manager, Planetarium & Space Sciences, the Observatory Attendant is primarily responsible for educating and communicating with guests to create meaningful connections on the topic of astronomy at the RASC Observatory.

As an Observatory Attendant, this individual will oversee the Observatory during its operational hours and showcase their passion for astronomy by engaging the public through conversations about astronomical ideas and concepts. Using the Observatory's telescopes, they will facilitate and aid guests in public viewing of the Sun, planets, and other celestial bodies. This individual must approach their work with a feeling of excitement, curiosity, and wonder.

The Observatory Attendant reports to the Senior Manager, Planetarium & Space Sciences.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

The Observatory Attendant will be responsible for:

- Opening and closing the Observatory on specific dates (daytime and evenings).
- Setting up telescopes for public viewing.
- Describing astronomical ideas and theories to the public.





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- Providing superior customer service for all programs and respond to guest inquiries about the Observatory, TELUS World of Science - Edmonton, general science-related questions, and telescopes.
- Ensuring the care and safe use of telescopes, performing minor maintenance on equipment as needed.
- Ensuring a safe and clean work environment.
- Reporting any technical problems to supervisory staff.
- Be a positive role model for TWOSE volunteers and thrive as a part of a team of people with diverse backgrounds. Assist in the training and supervision of volunteer team members.
- Complete administrative tasks such as ensuring that the log book is completed after every shift and posting information on the Observatory bulletin board.
- Other duties as required.

# **QUALIFICATIONS:**

# Knowledge and Abilities:

- Working knowledge of telescopes and knowledge in observational astronomy.
- Ability to deal with the public in a courteous and professional manner.

## Education and Experience:

- Completion of a high school diploma.
- Public speaking experience, preferably in a planetarium, classroom, or other teaching environment.
- Experience working in a public service-related job or volunteer position.

**Note:** A clean Police Information Check including the vulnerable sector is a condition of employment for successful candidates. The check must be completed prior to commencement of work and is the financial responsibility of the candidate.

Wages: \$18.32-\$22.59 per hour based on 2023-2024 Collective Agreement (PT140).

**Hours of Work:** 10-25 hours per week based on operational need. Essential hours of availability include from Monday to Sunday, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Thursday & Sunday nights: 7:00 - 10:00 pm, and Friday/Saturday night: 8:00 p.m. - midnight, with weekend and holiday flexibility.

Opening Date: May 20, 2025 Closing Date: May 27, 2025

How to Apply: hr@twose.ca

Please include cover letter and resume in one document. We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.