



Early Start Discovery Guide

The Early Start Discovery Space is an extraordinary destination for children up to 10 years of age and their families, offering interactive, ever evolving, playful experiences that aim to inspire imagination, build skills and ignite a love of learning. Discovery Guide volunteers will help to bring the space to life by engaging visitors in a variety of play-based learning experiences and activities.

Description of Activities

- Support fun, safe and educational experiences for children and families in the Discovery Space through a guided activities and informal 'play'
- Assist with and/or facilitate scheduled and spontaneous activities, including story time, arts & crafts, puppet shows, pirate ship voyages, drama performances, tummy tours and more!
- Actively greet families and provide tips and information on how to effectively interact with Discovery Space experiences
- Provide excellent customer service and answer general visitor enquiries

Desired Skills, Experience & Characteristics

- Demonstrated ability to work with children (0-10 years) and families from diverse backgrounds
- Basic understanding of early childhood education and the role of play in learning, as well as a desire to learn more
- Outgoing and energetic personality; Willingness to have fun, be a leader and be a little silly
- Reliable and able to learn and adapt in a changing environment

Benefits

- Be involved in a fun and supportive team of experienced education staff and like-minded volunteers
- Gain valuable insight into early childhood education and museum operations
- Learn more about the latest in early childhood education from UOW researchers through exclusive training and development opportunities
- Contribute to the Early Start vision that all children deserve the best start in life
- Receive invitations to special volunteer appreciation events and development opportunities
- Receive discounts on programs, gift shop purchases and free admission into the Discovery Space (subject to entry conditions)*
- Earn credit towards the new UOWx award (applicable to UOW students only)
- Receive a Statement of Volunteering to confirm volunteer involvement and reference benefits*
- Contribute to the growth and development of the Discovery Space as one of our fantastic volunteers!

* Available to active ongoing volunteers



Availability & Involvement

Volunteer participation is available Tuesdays to Sundays from 9.15am -12.30pm (mornings) and 12.15pm -3.30pm (afternoons) and volunteers will be able to sign up for times that suit their availability.

Application & Training

To express your interest in this role, complete the [Discovery Guide Application Form](#).

After we receive your application, we may then invite you to attend an informal group interview, where more information will be available.

Essential Requirement

Submit a Working with Children Check (free for volunteers). Applications can take up to 4 weeks to process so start your application online now! (<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>)

Questions?

Don't hesitate to contact the Discovery Space Coordinator, Laura Pritchard at discovery-volunteer@uow.edu.au or 4221-3560. Email is preferred as we are often working on the floor of the Discovery Space.