



DISCOVERY GUIDE

Volunteer Role Description

Overview

The Early Start Discovery Space is an extraordinary new 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 Duties

- 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, scavenger hunts, puppet shows, guided imaginative experiences and more!
- Actively greet families and provide tips and information on how effectively interact with Discovery Space experiences
- Provide excellent customer service and answer general visitor enquiries
- Assist with development of educational materials (if desired)

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
- Strong customer service skills
- Flexible and able to learn and adapt in a changing work environment
- Punctual and reliable

Benefits

- Be involved in a fun and supportive team of 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 discounts on programs, gift shop purchases and free admission into the Discovery Space (subject to entry conditions)
- Receive invitations to special volunteer appreciation events and development opportunities
- Earn co-curricular credit towards the new UOWx award (applicable to UOW students)
- Contribute to the growth and development of the Discovery Space as one of its first volunteers!

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Availability & Commitment

There are four roles with different levels of commitment

Discovery Volunteer	Once a week Tues to Sun 9.15 - 12.30 OR 12.15 – 3.30 all year
School Holiday Volunteer	Only through School/University holidays, as above
Supported Playgroup	Once a week, three hours, School term only
Party/theme Volunteer	Upon request and your availability.

Training & Other Requirements

- Submit a Working with Children Check (free for volunteers).
(<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check>).
- Build your skills and learn everything you'll need to know to prepare for your role by attending Discovery Guide training or professional development sessions. Trainers include industry experts and UOW researchers.

Expressions of Interest

To express your interest in this role, email discovery-volunteer@uow.edu.au or by phone 4221 3777