Project Background and Description

The Canadian Ocean Literacy Coalition (COLC) grew out of a 6-month, DFO-funded consultation process (January-June 2018) which led to the authoring of a development plan in support of the co-creation of a National Ocean Literacy Strategy. COLC officially launched on September 20th at the G7 Inspiration Expo ministerial meeting in Halifax. COLC has since grown into an alliance of 200+ diverse regional and national organizations, networks, institutions, and individuals across Canada who are coming together around three identified priorities: 1) building a national strategy that identifies and addresses ocean literacy priorities, gaps, recommendations, and implementation plan(s), 2) establishing and supporting an active ocean literacy research and monitoring program for Canada, and 3) amplifying ocean literacy initiatives and joint activities of COLC members that catalyze broad momentum and public engagement across Canada.

MITACS Funded Postdoc Opportunity

**Position Title:** Pacific Regional Coordinator  
**Start Date:** April 15, 2019  
**Duration:** 12 months  
**Location:** Based at Ocean Wise offices in Vancouver and/or Prince Rupert  
**Stipend:** $50K  
**Research Expenses:** $5K (further travel support for consultations on the coast will be provided, pending funding, through COLC)

COLC is looking for a strong postdoc candidate with community-based consultation and collaborative research experience to serve as the Pacific Regional Coordinator. The intern will work closely with Dr. Lisa (Diz) Glithero, COLC National Coordinator, who is leading the National Ocean Literacy Strategy building process, as well as with the other regional coordinators (Atlantic, Inuit Nunangat, Great Lakes/St. Lawrence and inland Canada). The intern will also be supported by Dr. David Zandvliet from the Institute for Environmental Learning, Faculty of Education at Simon Fraser University who will be serving as the academic supervisor, as well as from lead staff at Ocean Wise who are the industry partner. This is a great opportunity for a qualified candidate to be a part of a large, pan-Canadian collaborative research initiative to develop a national strategy through a bottom-up regional consultation approach. The aim of the initiative is to a) better understand and connect existing ocean literacy-related efforts taking place across regions and sectors; b) identify recommendations, regionally and nationally, to advance ocean values, connectedness and actions; and c) measure Canadians current levels of knowledge, values, perceptions and opinions on our civic relationship with the ocean, and changes (or not) over time.

Interested candidates for the Pacific Regional Coordinator postdoc position should reach out to Diz at diz@colcoalition.ca.

**Deadline:** As soon as possible