



Seasonal Marine Science Education Position - 2017

Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 2017 Spring/Summer and Summer/Fall Positions

The Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR) is located on Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island and is one of 28 Reserves in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (NERRS). This is a network of protected areas established for long-term research, education and stewardship. This partnership program between NOAA and the coastal states protects more than one million acres of estuarine land and water, which provides essential habitat for wildlife, offers educational opportunities for students, teachers and the public and serves as living laboratories for scientists.

Primary Job Responsibility

NBNERR is recruiting to fill two full-time seasonal positions. This is an excellent opportunity for an individual looking for hands-on experience in coastal science and environmental education. The ideal candidate will possess a personal interest in estuaries and the marine environment and a commitment to the mission of the organization. This position will require working closely with the Education Coordinator in various components of the educational programs from summer camps to teacher workshops. These positions are for a period of 6 months and will be filled through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Job Description

- Assist the Education Coordinator with development and implementation of summer marine science and environmental educational programs such as public programs and summer camp activities;
- Periodically staff the Learning Center and/or Estuary Education Shed; includes interacting with the public and maintaining aquaria and touch tanks at both locations;
- Assist with organizing community events and teacher training workshops as needed;
- Help develop new education programs and recruit new audiences for island programs;
- Assist with interpretation and exhibit design;
- Obtain lifeguard certification (cost will be covered if not already certified) and act as a lifeguard for camp programs (required by one of the seasonal staff)
- Assist with land management and/or ecological research & monitoring projects in the field as needed;
- Perform other duties relating to the organization's goals and mission as required;

Qualifications

- B.A. or B.S. in marine science, biology, environmental sciences, environmental education, or a related course of study;
- Demonstrate enthusiasm for teaching science-related topics and preferably have marine science and/or teaching experience;

- Public relations and communication skills: outgoing, helpful and positive personality; ability to work well with children and adults including giving presentations; maturity and leadership abilities; ability to handle sensitive situations in a tactful manner;
- Ability to take initiative and be creative with unique programming needs;
- Ability to work well independently and as part of a team;
- Proficiency in swimming and snorkeling; the ability to complete a lifeguard-training course are required by one of the seasonal staff;
- Knowledge of New England marine environments and wildlife is a plus;
- Knowledge of basic computer software; Adobe or other design/web skills is a plus;
- Applicant must possess a valid driver's license and a good driving record;
- Comfort working in the outdoors in sometimes physically demanding conditions (heat, biting insects), First Aid/CPR certification, and water safety knowledge is a plus;
- Applicants must be flexible, able to adapt to a changing work environment, and be available to work some weekends and holidays.

Time Requirements

There are 2 positions available each lasting up to 6 months; one position will start on or about April 10 and the second will start on or about June 5. Schedule will typically be 5 days/week or 40 hours/week; a willingness to work weekends, holidays and some evenings is a must.

Compensation

The position pays \$10 per hour with low-cost housing available at the Reserve on Prudence Island. There are no benefits available.

Deadline February 3rd, 2017

To Apply Please email or mail your **resume**, **a statement of interest** (not to exceed 2 pages) and **three references** to:

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