



Seasonal Marine Science Educator Position

Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve 2018 Seasonal Positions (2)

The Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR) is located on Prudence Island in Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island and is one of 29 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 candidates 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 all components of the education program, primarily developing and leading marine science-oriented classes for a variety of audiences. These positions are for a period of 6 months and will be filled through the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management.

Job Description

Primary responsibilities:

- Assist the Education Coordinator with development and implementation of marine science and environmental educational programs for summer camps, K-12 classes, scouts, and the general public;
- Develop and lead all summer day-camp programs spanning the course of several weeks;
- Maintain all equipment and supplies needed for programming;
- Interact with the public at our Learning Center and Estuary Education Shed;
- Assist with maintenance of several aquariums and a touch tank (stocking, cleaning, feeding);
- 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;

Secondary responsibilities (as time allows or as-needed):

- Assist with planning and delivery of Coastal Training Program (CTP) workshops and meetings (both in-person and virtual), including publicity and marketing; registration and database management; logistics / "day-of" coordination; follow-up and evaluation; this may require travel throughout the state or to our office in Providence (spring/fall)
- Assist with developing and updating communication products for the CTP (e.g., website and social media updates, newsletter articles, press releases, fact sheets);
- 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, education, 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 communications 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;
- Flexible and able to adapt to an ever-changing work environment with challenging logistics;
- Ability to take initiative and be creative with unique programming needs;
- Ability to work well independently and as part of a team;
- 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;
- Proficiency in swimming;
- Comfort working in the outdoors in sometimes physically demanding conditions (heat, biting insects, etc.);
- First Aid/CPR certification is required, and water safety knowledge and/or lifeguard certification is a plus;

Time Requirements

There are 2 positions available each lasting 6 months. Start date is May 9th, though there may be some flexibility for a slightly later start date. Schedule will typically be 5 days/week or 40 hours/week; a willingness to work weekends, holidays and some evenings is a must.

Compensation

\$10 per hour with low-cost housing available at the Reserve on Prudence Island. Please inquire for further information on housing and island logistics.

Deadline February 2nd, 2018

To Apply Please email or mail your **cover letter**, **resume**, and **three references** to:

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