

# Seasonal Marine Science Education Position - Summer 2012

## **Narragansett Bay Research Reserve – 2012 Summer Position:**

The Narragansett Bay 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 marine 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 summer programs. In addition, the candidate will have opportunities to work in the field with the Reserve's researchers and natural resource specialists. These positions 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
- Obtain lifeguard certification (free training available) and act as a lifeguard for camp programs
- 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; rising junior or senior undergraduates are also encouraged to apply;
- 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 work well independently and as part of a team;
- Proficiency in swimming and snorkeling, and the ability to complete a lifeguard-training course are required;
- Knowledge of New England marine environments and wildlife is a plus;
- Knowledge of computer software including Microsoft Word, Power Point, and Excel is desirable;
- 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 with flexible start and end dates but both positions will encompass the summer months (June-August) with the possibility of starting in the spring or staying into the fall. Please contact Maureen Dewire for more information on these details. Schedule will typically be up to 5 days/week or 40 hours/week; a willingness to work weekends, holidays and some evenings is a must.

**Compensation:** The positions pay \$9.75 per hour with low-cost housing available at the Reserve on Prudence Island. There are no benefits available.

**Deadline:** February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012

**To Apply:** Please mail or email your **resume, a statement of interest** (not to exceed 2 pages) and **two letters of recommendation** (these may be sent directly by your references) to:

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