

Marine Science Instructor

Greater Farallones Association (GFA)



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Job Description:

The Marine Science Instructor delivers engaging hands-on ocean science programs for the Oceans After School, At Your School, Visitor Center Field Trips, Family Workshops, spring break and summer camps and assists with special public programs. This is a full time position through the Greater Farallones Association and work is primarily in classrooms at school sites and in the Greater Farallones Visitor Center. This position requires a flexible schedule and a commitment to work eight-hour days Tuesday-Friday and either Saturday or Sunday each week to assist with Visitor Center staffing and delivery of public programs.

Background:

The Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary (GFNMS) protects the wildlife and habitats of one of the most diverse and bountiful marine environments in the world, an area of 3,295 square miles off the northern and central California coast. Located just a few miles from San Francisco, the waters within Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary support an abundance of life, including many threatened or endangered species.

Established in 1995, the Greater Farallones Association is the nonprofit partner that supports and assists the Greater Farallones National Marine Sanctuary in education, outreach, and stewardship. This is a **full time benefited position** through the Greater Farallones Association.

Marine Science Instructor Position Responsibilities

- Delivers K-12 marine science curriculum (including programs on sharks, marine mammals, seabirds, squid, crabs, salmon, plankton, ocean acidification, deep sea corals and Remotely Operated Vehicles) to diverse school audiences in alignment with the Next Generation Science Standards.
- Assists education staff with public programming including weekend workshops for families, evening lectures (*Sanctuary Soirées*), and public events (*Sharktoberfest*).
- Provides a safe, supportive and friendly environment throughout all programs and facilities.
- Properly handles live marine organisms and cares for all education materials.
- Provides on-going evaluation of programs and facilities, communicates this information to all appropriate staff members, and works with other staff to maintain and improve high quality programs.
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule, including one weekend day per week.
- Establish and maintain effective and courteous working relationships with coworkers, teachers, students, and members of the public.

Education:

Must possess a BA or BS degree (marine biology, oceanography, education or related field) or equivalent experience.

Qualifications

- Experience in teaching marine science or a related field to K-12 students from diverse backgrounds including urban youth.
- Knowledge of, and broad interest in, oceans and marine science, including key ocean organisms, coastal ecosystems, and coastal stewardship.
- Excellent organizational skills to assist with collecting student data, program evaluations, class attendance, and public program registration.
- Ability to work as a team member; must be outgoing, patient, energetic and enthusiastic; must have good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to be available to work a flexible schedule that includes early mornings, daytime, evenings, and weekends.
- Ability to adjust quickly to changing priorities and manage tasks in a fast-paced environment.
- Must have personal transportation and a valid California driver license.
- Must be able to lift 50 lbs as the position requires transporting education materials.

Other job functions:

Performs related duties and responsibilities as required.

Compensation:

Dependent on experience. Position is full time and includes benefits.

How to apply: Please send a cover letter, resume, and references (3) to Rietta Hohman, Marine Science Educator: rhohman@farallones.org (please include the phrase: “Application for Marine Science Instructor Position 2019” in the subject line)

Deadline to apply: April 20, 2019

Start date: Flexible, preference for the beginning of June, 2019.