WCC Individual Placement: Education and Outreach Assistant

Position Description

Feiro Marine Life Center is a non-profit aquarium and education center in Port Angeles, Washington. Feiro Marine Life Center contributes to a strong community by providing local marine and watershed learning experiences, inspiring us all to act on behalf of our environment. In this position, the Education and Outreach Assistant will collaborate with the Education Manager to plan, implement, and evaluate learning programs for youth and adults. This position will be based in downtown Port Angeles, with expected travel to community events and education programs across Clallam County.

Position Responsibilities

- Lead education programs for youth in the field (watersheds, intertidal zones, beach), on-site at Feiro, and in school classrooms. Primary education programs include:
  - Lead watershed field studies to local 4th grade classes.
  - Develop and teach summer camp programs for youth ages 5-9. Collaborating with community partners during program development.
  - Lead aquarium tours for groups of varying ages, preK-adult
- Plan and coordinate a speaker series for adults, including reaching out to subject matter experts to give virtual or in-person lecture-style presentations.
- Develop material for and implement activities at outreach events (eg. festivals and community events) throughout the year.
- Collaborate with volunteers to support citizen science projects (eg. Sound Toxins and Sea Star Surveys)

Qualifications

- Must be 18-25 years old, with exceptions for those with military service or mental or sensory disabilities.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or Lawful Permanent U.S. Resident Alien
- Per legislative mandate, priority will be given to Washington state residents.
- Ability to spend extended periods of time outdoors in various weather conditions
- Ability to walk on uneven terrain
- Ability to lift 25 pounds
- Must have access to a vehicle and a valid driver’s license
- Willingness to handle marine invertebrates and fish, both living and deceased.
- Willingness to grow in equity and inclusion competencies

Pay and Benefits

- Living allowance of $1,351 twice a month ($2,702 per month, before taxes)
• AmeriCorps Education Award of $6,895 (scholarship) upon successful completion of the 11-month contract (1,700 service hours).
• Educational loan forbearance from AmeriCorps on qualified loans.
• Health insurance offered by WCC. WCC pays the monthly insurance premium. Members are eligible for WCC-offered insurance on their first day of service.
• Access to the Member Assistance Program (MAP), which provides accessible and quality mental health services to AmeriCorps members.
• Access to the AmeriCorps Child Care Benefit Program for qualified full-time AmeriCorps State Members who need the benefit to serve.
• Three weeks of paid, professional training in addition to day-to-day training. Requires overnight travel.
• Up to three weeks of personal time off without a reduction in stipend

**Schedule:** This is an 11-month AmeriCorps position starting Oct. 2, 2023, and ending Sept. 5, 2024. Members generally serve 40 hours over four or five days each week.

**Application**

Submit an online application on the [WCC website](http://www.wcc.org) (select this IP position on the application).

**About WCC and AmeriCorps**

Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) is an AmeriCorps program that creates future leaders through community involvement and mentorship. The program supports more than 350 members and experienced staff statewide who restore critical habitat, build trails, lead volunteers, educate youth, and respond to local and national disasters. Learn more on the [WCC website](http://www.wcc.org).

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