Employment Opportunities at the Ocean Institute

Science Instructor

Join us at our state-of-the-art seaside learning center in Dana Point and at the Lazy W Ranch, our outdoor teaching facility in the Cleveland National Forest. Help guide our students as they immerse themselves in the exploration of marine science, oceanography, and ecology through a variety of hands-on programs, including:

- Offshore investigations on our floating laboratory, R/V Sea Explorer
- Marine science discoveries at our onshore laboratory and at the Dana Point Marine Life Refuge
- Southern California ecology and biology investigations during our Outdoor Education programs

Qualifications and Experience:
- Four-year degree in science or education (equivalent relevant experience may be acceptable).
- Applicant should have experience working with or teaching groups of young people.
- Applicant should be self-motivated, quick thinking, adaptable, curious, and have a sense of humor.
- Background or coursework in biology, marine biology, geology, oceanography, ecology, or education is a plus!

Conditions of employment:
- Approximately 30-40 hours per week (varies week to week).
- Wage starts at $11.20 per hour with possible increases to $14.50 per hour.
- Up to two overnights per week and some weekend work may be required.
- Meets specific physical requirements of assigned programs.
- Must be certified in CPR and First Aid.
- Must be willing to participate in drug-testing program.
- Must be able to stand for prolonged periods of time, bend, stoop, and lift up to of 25 lbs. unassisted.

History Instructor

Join our instructional staff in providing award-winning educational programs aboard our tallships and at our Outdoor Education facility in the Cleveland National Forest! Instructors bring history alive by combining progressive teaching skills and strategies with authentic, hands-on experiences to take students grades 2nd and above on exciting journeys in learning. Programs take place dockside in Dana Point Harbor, on the open sea, and at the Lazy W Ranch.

Qualifications and Experience:
- Four year degree in social science, drama, or education (equivalent relevant experience may be acceptable).
- Applicant should have experience working with or teaching groups of young people.
- Applicant should be self-motivated, quick thinking, adaptable, curious, and have a sense of humor.
- Background or coursework in California History, U.S. History, education, sailing, drama, or music is a plus!

Conditions of employment:
- Approximately 30-40 hours per week (varies week to week).
- Wage starts at $11.20 per hour with possible increases to $14.50 per hour.
- Employees wear period appropriate clothing and assume historical character roles.
- Up to two overnights per week and some weekend work may be required.
- Meets specific physical requirements of assigned programs.
- Must be certified in CPR and First Aid.
- Must be willing to participate in drug-testing program.
- Must be able to stand for prolonged periods of time, bend, stoop, and lift up to of 25 lbs. unassisted.

Method of Application:
Please send a resume and cover letter to ehofflund@ocean-institute.org or fax at (949) 248-5557.

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