

JOB TITLE: MarineLab Seasonal Field Instructor

REPORTS TO: Director of Operations

DURATION: August 24th – December 14th, 2022

Job Overview:

The seasonal field instructors work within the education team to provide high quality experiential education programs to visiting school groups during our busiest times of year. Seasonal instructors will lead student groups, 5th grade – high school, in our core curriculum on the boats, in the classroom and in the labs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Greet student groups on arrival to MarineLab and orients group to facility
- Lead classroom discussions on seagrass ecology, coral reef ecology and fish identification
- Lead lessons on the boat on topics such as mangrove ecology
- Serve as point person during meals a few times a week
- Serve as a lifeguard both in the water and out of water
- Teach hands on labs (usually in the evenings) on topics such as invertebrate diversity and zooplankton identification
- Act as a mate on Coast Guard inspected vessels
- Lead up to 18 students on snorkels in seagrass, mangrove and coral reef habitats
- Drive a vessel to conduct evening plankton tows
- Assist with a wide range of maintenance tasks including but not limited to: general upkeep of the facility (painting, etc.), cleaning boats, conducting necessary boat drills and recording appropriately, maintaining educational equipment (cleaning microscopes, calibrating water quality tools, creating/making/purchasing necessary curriculum supplies), cleaning snorkel gear and updating curriculum
- Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a life science (or education degree with marine science experience)
- Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR certified
- Knowledge of tropical/subtropical marine habitats; experience working within tropical/subtropical marine habitats preferred
- Teaching experience with students in 5th grade through high school
- Boating experience
- Enthusiasm for sharing your passion for marine science with students
- All applicants must be authorized to work in the United States

Working Conditions:

The seasonal instructor spends most of his/her day outdoors. Being able to comfortably work in variable weather conditions is extremely important. In the winter months, water temperatures in Florida Bay, where we enthusiastically lead student groups, can reach the low 60s. In spring/summer, the air temperature is generally in the 90s all day with high humidity and pop up storms are common.

Hours: The position runs from August 24th to December 14th, 2022. Seasonal Instructors work 40 hour weeks but daily work hours are highly variable. The work day may begin as early as 7:30 AM and end as late as 9:30 PM. Seasonal instructors usually work multiple evenings per week. Generally, instructors have two days off in a row per week, however, this is subject to program schedule and will not be weekends.

Benefits:

- \$325/week stipend
- Shared on-site housing
- Paid training
- Some meals
- Experience at the helm of a 26 ft vessel
- Potential for future seasonal and/or full time employment

To Apply:

Send a completed [application form](#) AND resume to Rachel Carlson. Application and resume must be received by **5 PM, June 24th**.

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