



Summer Education Volunteer

Department: Education and Community Engagement

Effective Dates: Summer 2020 (Start date can be flexible. Ideally June through August)

Status: Unpaid Volunteer

Position Summary:

The EcoTarium, a museum of science & nature, seeks engaging and enthusiastic summer interns to lead educational drop-in programs for the public. Programming is on a variety of natural and physical science topics including but not limited to magnetism, buoyancy, animal adaptations, engineering, astronomy, botany and more. Programs take place on the museum floor, and occasionally outdoors on our 55-acre site, and may include play facilitation in our Nature Explore® Outdoor Exhibit. Teaching methods are hands-on and inquiry-based, encouraging exploration and self-directed learning. Activities help instill a passion for science and promote stewardship of the natural environment.

Options to expand the duties of the position are available to motivated candidates.

Candidates must enjoy working with youth ages 0-12 and their families, possess a keen interest in science, and be committed to ongoing growth and learning in the fields of science and education.

Responsibilities:

- Lead daily table-top Innovation Station programs on a variety of science topics
- Conduct indoor/outdoor programming and activities in all types of weather conditions
- Develop and document creative curriculum
- Prepare for and actively participate in all training
- Uniform/dress code required

Qualifications:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Interest in and enthusiasm for science and education
- Comfort with public speaking and/or a flair for public presentation
- Excellent customer service and interpersonal skills
- Creative individual with ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interest in and/or experience working with diverse audiences
- Pass CORI/SORI background checks according to EcoTarium's guidelines

Interested candidates may apply either through their online internship portal or by emailing a resume and letter of interest to volunteer@ecotarium.org