

2011 Summer Commonwealth Corps Service Position Description



NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER BEACH SISTER SUMMER INTERN

The goal of the 2011 Summer Commonwealth Corps Program is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in provide support to middle-school students through the summer months. Commonwealth Corps members will serve at least 300 hours between April 1, 2011 and August 31, 2011 (specific dates listed below).

Since 1967, **Northeastern University's Marine Science Center (MSC)** has generated outstanding teaching and research in the marine sciences. The MSC's Outreach Program reaches over 5,000 people per year through various programs and events, and has traditionally focused on serving teachers and students in eastern Massachusetts. The MSC and Girls Inc. of Lynn have developed the Beach Sister program in order to address the needs of youth in the City of Lynn by pairing the resources of an informal science education center with a community-based organization. Beach Sister's middle school program will help pave the way for girls living in an environmental justice community to develop scientific inquiry and citizenship skills, and to learn about studies and careers in marine science. Three Commonwealth Corps members will coordinate and implement many aspects of Beach Sister's middle school program, working specifically with rising 9th grade participants in Girls Inc.'s "Bridges" program.

Specific Responsibilities:

- Become familiar with MSC, Girls Inc., the local watershed, the demographics of the community served, and career applications within the local community
- Research watershed issues to identify potential service-learning projects
- Observe and practice teaching/mentoring skills through participation in MSC and Girls Inc. programs
- Initiate contacts in the community related to potential service-learning projects
- Present a detailed workplan to partners
- Deliver programs via direct instruction, field experiences, and service-learning
- Document experience to share with peers, parents, and the local community
- Complete self-assessment report to include personal reflection, professional development, lessons learned, recommendations, and other observations

Qualifications:

- Coursework or experience preferred in areas of biology, environmental science, science education, or related fields
- Have experience and/or interest in working with youth and community service
- Be willing to work outdoors, sometimes in dirty and wet conditions
- Have a desire to work with diverse constituencies
- Have flexibility and a sense of humor
- Be resourceful, self-motivated, professional, and mature
- Possession of a valid US drivers license and good driving record preferred
- Access to a car encouraged
- Willingness and ability to work occasional evenings

Member Benefits:

For a three month commitment to include a minimum of 300 hours of service, Commonwealth Corps members receive:

- A stipend of \$1,875 and a completion bonus of \$338
- A monthly MBTA commuter pass
- Training in CPR and First Aid
- Excellent training opportunities

Program dates

Position Start

Date: June 1, 2011

Position

End Date: August 31, 2011

Northeastern University will recruit and select persons in all positions to ensure a diverse and inclusive climate without regard to race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, color, political affiliation, creed, national origin, marital status, or any other status as protected by federal, state, and local laws. Northeastern University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities and will make reasonable accommodations for interviews and for service upon request.

Contact information

Applicants are hired on a rolling basis. Please complete the attached Member Application and submit it **ASAP and before May 6, 2011**, to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place in late April and early May
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before May 20th
- Program start date is June 1st