



## Seeking Environmental Educators for 2021-2022 AmeriCorps Term!

*Inspire students, visitors, and the whole community to explore, experience, connect with, and take action to protect and steward the unique ecosystems of the Salish Sea.*

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) is seeking two Marine Stewardship Educator AmeriCorps Members to join our team dedicated to conserving the Salish Sea. These are full-time 10 ½ month positions starting October 16, 2021. These stipend-supported positions are sponsored by the [Washington Service Corps](#) AmeriCorps program. These positions are contingent upon funding.

PTMSC is a public non-profit marine education facility located in Fort Worden State Park, Washington. Our two buildings house a small but high quality Aquarium featuring life in the nearshore habitats of the Salish Sea, and a Museum with a fully articulated orca skeleton, and other natural history collections. Exhibits explore how human impacts such as climate change stress our fragile ecosystems in the Salish Sea, and how people can increase positive impacts while minimizing negative ones through their collective actions. Access to high quality science programming is limited in our rural community. PTMSC provides opportunities to help visitors, students, and volunteers learn about this unique place through its hands-on educational activities, public programs, and community science projects, while illustrating and demonstrating the actions being taken to steward these resources for future generations.

AmeriCorps members will be recruited and interviewed in July and August 2021. Primary activities shift seasonally, with an emphasis on school programs in the winter/spring and exhibit interpretation in the summer. Throughout the term, members participate in a range of community science projects with staff and volunteers, partner organization leads, tribal biologists, or other researchers. Additionally, team members will learn about and assist with animal collection, animal care and husbandry, and aquatic life support; coordinate volunteers to assist with research and outreach events; and collaborate with staff to develop new programs. Community science projects, our site on the beach in Fort Worden, and the collections in the exhibits themselves provide the core content for social media and educational outreach programs. Visit [www.ptmsc.org](http://www.ptmsc.org) to learn more.

**DUTIES:** All AmeriCorps positions will conduct activities within the following focus areas in order to inspire conservation of the Salish Sea:

- 1) Education (30%):** Provide hands-on, inquiry-based K-12 science programs to students in economically disadvantaged schools.
- 2) Exhibits (40%):** Provide meaningful informal science education through the operation, interpretation, and upkeep of our two exhibit halls and engage the public through tours and educational programs.
- 3) Volunteers/Outreach (15%):** Provide meaningful volunteer opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds utilizing effective volunteer management strategies, such as training, scheduling, and recognizing volunteers. Provide outreach to the community through programs such as community science and research, beach cleanups, tabling events, and social media.
- 4) Research (15%):** Assist with community science research projects, including data collection and data entry in the field and in the lab.

### OPPORTUNITIES:

- Serve with a team of educators developing and delivering state-of-the-art science education, programs, and exhibits
- Support current research through projects in community science
- Receive training in natural history, marine biology, ecology, teaching and interpretation techniques, and care of cold water marine animals

Port Townsend Marine Science Center AmeriCorps Recruitment Flyer for 2021-2022

Priority Application deadline: July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

[AmeriCorpsApplication@ptmsc.org](mailto:AmeriCorpsApplication@ptmsc.org)

## SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- College degree or background in marine biology, natural history, environmental education, or a related field; or equivalent experience
- Familiarity with concepts and methods of scientific research
- Energetic, self-motivated team player and willing to learn
- Ability and willingness to interact with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Must be over 18 years old
- Must be able to serve a 10 ½ month term of service, and at least 1,700 hours
- Must have a current CPR and First Aid certification
- Must pass required federal background check
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National or Permanent Resident Alien of the United States

## PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

The physical demands below are representative of those necessary to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Ability to walk on uneven terrain for up to two miles carrying up to 30 pounds
- Ability to lift 40 pounds from the floor
- Ability to climb and work from ladders and climb stairs
- Ability to reach, use, lift and move 20 pounds from shoulder height
- Ability to work in small and awkward spaces, and work outside in inclement weather conditions
- Ability to stand or sit for up to 8 hours with one 30 min break and two 15 min breaks

## BENEFITS:

- Monthly stipend of \$1,450 per month (pre-tax)
- Medical insurance coverage
- Education award of \$6,195 (for college tuition or loans) upon successful completion of service term
- Workers compensation coverage
- Child Care Assistance if income-eligible
- Loan forbearance on qualifying student loans
- Eligible for Washington State Food Assistance program
- Visit the [Become A Member](#) page to learn more about WSC program benefits

**TO APPLY:** Applications consist of a letter of interest, resume, two letters of recommendation and three references; email submissions are preferred. Recommendations may be sent separately, but incomplete applications will not be considered. Please make sure your references will be available for contact. Applicants will also need to register on the MyAmeriCorps website to be considered for these service positions.

## Submit applications via email to:

[americorpsapplication@ptmsc.org](mailto:americorpsapplication@ptmsc.org)

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