



Seeking Environmental Educator for 2023-2024 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 a Marine Stewardship Educator AmeriCorps Member to join our team dedicated to conserving the Salish Sea. This is a full-time 10 ½ month position starting October 16, 2023, ending August 31, 2024. These stipend-supported positions are sponsored by the [Washington Service Corps](#) AmeriCorps program. These positions are contingent upon funding.

PTMSC is a non-profit marine conservation, science and education organization located in Fort Worden State Park and downtown Port Townsend, Washington. Our two Fort Worden State Park facilities house a small, vibrant aquarium featuring over 150 species from the nearshore habitats of the Salish Sea, a museum with a fully-articulated orca skeleton and natural history collections, and classrooms. The new downtown facility is currently home to a visitor center and store. Our exhibits explore how human impacts such as climate change stress the fragile ecosystems in the Salish Sea, and what people can do, through their collective actions, to affect positive change. Visit www.ptmsc.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram to learn more.

Based in a rural community with limited access to high quality science programming, PTMSC provides valuable, science-based learning opportunities for all ages. We do this through hands-on educational activities, public programs, social media, and citizen science projects. As a long standing part of our community (40+ years) we prioritize and model the positive actions being taken to steward these lands and waters for future generations.

AmeriCorps members will be recruited and interviewed in August and September, 2023. Primary activities shift seasonally, with an emphasis on school programs in the winter/spring and exhibit interpretation and day camps in the summer. Throughout the term, members help to coordinate and participate in a range of on-site and field-based citizen science projects with staff, volunteers, and our partners. Team members learn about and assist with animal collection, animal care, and aquatic life support. Additionally, they coordinate volunteers to assist with research and outreach events, and collaborate with staff in developing new programs. There is a lot happening at PTMSC!

Visit 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, coordinating, and recognizing volunteers. Provide outreach to the community through programs such as citizen science research, environmental sustainability initiatives, beach cleanups, and social media.
- 4) Research (15%):** Assist and coordinate citizen science research projects, collect and enter data both in the field and in the lab for projects that include identifying harmful marine phytoplankton (SoundToxins), surveying intertidal organisms, collecting data on stranded marine mammals, monitoring larval dungeness crab, or participating in other projects currently in development.

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 citizen science and conservation
- Receive training in natural history, marine biology, ecology, teaching and interpretation techniques, and care of cold water marine animals

SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

- High school diploma or GED
- 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 an 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,
- Ability to 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 \$1,676.19 per month (pre-tax). Up to \$2,548/mo if eligible for Equity Enhancement Living Allowance
- Medical insurance coverage
- Up to a \$6,895 [education award](#) (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:

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DEADLINE: September 6, 2023

