



Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce

**Position Announcement  
Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce  
Marine Biology Educator**

**Description**

The Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit in Fort Pierce, Florida is located on the Indian River Lagoon (IRL), one of the most diverse estuaries in the U.S., and less than one mile from the Atlantic Ocean. This unique educational facility provides a window into these underwater worlds, offering a variety of hands-on experiences to daily visitors, as well as programming opportunities. Our focus is on displaying ecosystems as complex communities of organisms interacting in their environments. The six main exhibits are models of local Florida ecosystems (seagrass bed, mangrove forest, coral reef, etc.) and vary in size from 500 to 3,000 gallons. The Exhibit also features a touch tank and a variety of smaller aquaria and interpretive displays. The Marine Biology Educator will provide on-site support for education at the Exhibit. This part-time (32 hours/week) position has an hourly wage of \$11.95 with a Tuesday-Saturday work week.

**Duties**

The responsibilities of the Marine Biology Educator include:

- Teach school programs and lead tours.
- Assist with summer camp for ages 6-14.
- Interpret to visitors in the Exhibit galleries and at the touch tank.
- Assist with developing interpretive tools and signage for the Exhibit.
- Assist Animal Husbandry staff with routine duties such as tank monitoring, tank feedings and specimen collections as needed.
- Additional duties as assigned.

**Qualifications**

Applicants should have the ability to lead public tours, conduct educational programs for a variety of ages, research and write material intended for a variety of audiences, work with volunteers and staff and basic knowledge of biological sciences, specifically marine sciences.

**Application process**

Please submit a cover letter and current resume (package limited to **3 pages**) to Cristin Ryan no later than **Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013**. Electronic submissions should be sent to [ryanc@si.edu](mailto:ryanc@si.edu) or hard copies mailed to:

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