



NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER BEACH SISTER PROGRAM FELLOW

Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources that young people need to be successful in life by **mobilizing** and **organizing** community activity, **creating** and **leading** powerful initiatives, and **training** and **inspiring** citizen volunteers.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing Fellows with non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing; *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

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. The Beach Sister program will help pave the way for school-aged girls living in an environmental justice community to develop scientific inquiry and citizenship skills, and to learn about studies and careers in marine science. The Fellow will be responsible for coordinating and implementing the Beach Sister program. The Fellow will be tasked with expanding the Peer Leader program for teens, developing a more substantial middle school curriculum, providing training and capacity-building opportunities for Girls Inc. staff, and carrying out a formal strategic planning and evaluation effort.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit, mentor, instruct and collaborate with Peer Leaders
- Review and implement Beach Sister curriculum and work with Peer Leaders to deliver afterschool programs
- Oversee delivery of instruction by Peer Leaders to middle and elementary school groups
- Participate in the coordination of occasional Beach Sister family events
- Provide professional development opportunities to Girls Inc. staff
- Participate in partner-led strategic and evaluation planning efforts
- Become familiar with MSC, Girls Inc., the local watershed, the demographics of the community served, and career applications/extensions within the local community
- Travel at least once/month to Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree or demonstrated equivalent of related experience preferred in area of Biology, Environmental Science, Science Education, Environmental Education, or related field
- Have experience and/or interest working with youth
- Have experience and/or interest and commitment to national 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 and self-motivated
- Possess the ability to see the big picture
- Possess strong analytical and problem solving skills
- Be professional and mature
- Possession of a valid US drivers license and good driving record preferred
- Access to a car strongly encouraged
- Willingness and ability to work occasional evenings and weekends
- Must be willing to comply with a criminal background check and FBI fingerprint check
- Must be a US Resident, US National or Permanent Resident Alien

BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:
A taxable living allowance of \$269/week ♦ Comprehensive health care benefits ♦
Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies ♦
Loan forbearance and a \$5,550 educational award

CONTACT INFORMATION

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis. Send a letter of interest, resume, and contact info for three references **ASAP and before May 24th, 2013**, preferably electronically, to:

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place during April and May of 2013
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before June 14th, 2013
- Program start date is August 2013
- **Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information**

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.