



NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY MARINE SCIENCE CENTER AMERICORPS MASSACHUSETTS PROMISE FELLOW

AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources young people need to be successful in life by creating, managing, and leading meaningful out-of-school time programs for youth in grades 6-12. Fellow projects focus on mentoring, social and emotional learning, college and career readiness, academic enrichment, and community service-learning.

The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship achieves this by placing AmeriCorps Fellows with schools, 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

NAHANT & LYNN-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 7,000 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 participating in evaluation efforts.

ESSENTIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Recruit, mentor, instruct and collaborate with six Peer Leaders, mentoring them to deliver programs to youth and fostering leadership/professional skills
- Oversee delivery of instruction by Peer Leaders to other youth during the school year and summer
- 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
- Participate in all relevant MPF, NUMSC, and Girls Inc. meetings and trainings
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth

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- Make a full-time, 12 month commitment

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 a desire to work with diverse constituencies
- Have flexibility and a sense of humor
- Be resourceful and self-motivated
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Interest in and commitment to national and community service
- Experience working with youth
- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long-term goals
- Drivers license and own vehicle required
- 17 years of age or older
- Must be a US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien
- Must be willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, including screenings through the National Sex Offender Public Website, a name-based search of the statewide criminal history registry both in Massachusetts and your state of residence upon application to our program (if not Massachusetts), and a fingerprint based FBI check. *Eligibility to participate in MPF is contingent on the results of this screening

FELLOW SCHEDULE

M-F 10am-6pm with occasional nights and weekends

SUPERVISOR NAME: Valerie Perini

BENEFITS

For a one year full-time commitment and 1700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of \$14,500/year ♦ Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies & discounted courses upon successfully completing the service year ♦ Loan forbearance and a \$5,775 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

CONTACT INFORMATION

Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mpfapplication2016> to complete a general application **and send a letter of interest, resume and contact info for two references ASAP and before May 20th, 2016** to

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MORE INFO

- Interviews will take place in April and May of 2016
- Hiring decisions will be made on or before June 1st, 2016
- Program start date is August 10th, 2016

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- More information about the Marine Science Center and the youth program can be found at <http://www.northeastern.edu/cos/marinescience/outreach/beach-sisters-program/>
- **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 equally 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 interviews and service 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.

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