



## 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 and college and career exploration and academic enrichment.

**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

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Since 1967, Northeastern University's Marine Science Center (MSC) has generated outstanding teaching and research in the marine sciences, and interacts with the public via our Outreach Program, which reaches ~10,000 people per year through various educational programs and events. The MSC and Girls Inc. of Lynn have developed the Beach Sisters program in order to pair the resources of an informal science education center with a community-based organization, to help pave the way for 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 Sisters program including mentoring six teen Peer Leaders and working with them to plan and deliver marine/environmental science after school programs to and participate in environmental service learning projects in the community.

### Essential Responsibilities

- Recruit, mentor, instruct and collaborate with six Peer Leaders, mentoring them to deliver programs to youth, conduct service projects, and develop leadership/professional skills
- Oversee delivery of instruction by Peer Leaders to other youth during the school year
- Participate in partner-led strategic and evaluation planning efforts
- Become familiar with MSC, Girls Inc., the local watershed, the demographics of the community
- Participate in all relevant MPF, NUMSC, and Girls Inc. meetings and trainings
- Complete required MPF data and evaluation requirements
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 11 month commitment

### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or demonstrated equivalent of related experience preferred in Biology, Environmental Science, Science Education, Environmental Education, or related field
- Drivers license and own vehicle required
- Have flexibility and a sense of humor
- Be resourceful and self-motivated
- Strong critical thinking and problem-solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long-term goals

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- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Deep belief in the power and potential of young people to create social change
- Experience working with youth
- Passionate about social justice and working with diverse communities
- 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 10:30am-6:30pm with occasional nights and weekends

**Supervisor Name:** Valerie Perini

**Supervisor Email:** v.perini@northeastern.edu

### Benefits

For an eleven month, full-time commitment and 1,700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:

A taxable living allowance of up to \$15,500/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 an up to \$6,095 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

### Contact Information

**Apply ASAP!** Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Visit [masspromisefellowapplication2019](http://masspromisefellowapplication2019) to complete a general application **and upload your letter of interest, resume and contact info for two references ASAP and before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

### More Info

- Interviews will take place during April and May, 2019 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. **All position offers will be provisional until 2019-2020 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- More information about The Northeastern University Marine Science Center and the youth program can be found at <https://cos.northeastern.edu/marinescience/outreach/beach-sisters-program/>
- Visit [www.masspromisefellows.org](http://www.masspromisefellows.org) for detailed program information

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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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