



Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce

**Position Announcement
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Marine Biology Educator**

Description

The Smithsonian Exhibit at the St. Lucie County Aquarium 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 on-site education programs. 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 interpretive exhibits. The Marine Biology Educator will provide on-site support for education at the Exhibit. This full-time position has a salary of \$34,862 with benefits and a schedule that includes weekend work.

Duties

The responsibilities of the Marine Biology Educator include:

- Lead on-site school programs and tours.
- Coordinate and lead marine science summer camp for ages 6-16.
- Interpret to visitors in the Exhibit galleries and at the touch tank.
- Develop interpretive displays, tools, signage, promotional materials and social media content.
- Plan and implement public programs and large-scale community events.
- Assist with coordination of volunteers.
- Write press releases, newsletter articles and other communications about Exhibit activities.
- 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 have basic knowledge of biological sciences, specifically marine sciences. Experience and demonstrated skills in social media and graphic design preferred.

Application process

Please submit a cover letter and current resume (package limited to **3 pages**) to Jasmine Fox no later than **Monday, September 4, 2017**. Electronic submissions should be sent to foxj2@si.edu or hard copies mailed to:

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