

Intern Job Description

Title: Science Education Intern

Department: Education

Reports to: Community Engagement Coordinator & Science Coordinator

Position Description: The Science Education Intern will work alongside Museum & Theatre educators to learn and implement science and nature education programs for children ages 0-10. The Intern will actively participate in planning and delivering educational programs, and will have access to unique educational resources in a supportive work environment. Resources available for programming include the Museum & Theatre's garden, greenhouse, teaching kitchen, Maine animal artifacts, mini-planetarium, tide pool touch tank, honeybee hive, turtles, fossils, rocks and minerals, and science storybook library. A significant portion of time will be devoted to the development and implementation of a science program or project of the Intern's choice based on the Museum & Theatre mission to inspire discovery and imagination.

Responsibilities include:

- Learning and implementing interdisciplinary science education programming for ages 0-10
- Developing a science-based project or activity based on Museum & Theatre mission that makes science fun and accessible to young children
- Assisting with program set-up and prep work as needed
- Facilitating a positive play environment for children and caretakers
- Assisting education staff with daily operational tasks
- Assisting education staff in caring for and harvesting crops in greenhouse and garden

Requirements:

- Loves spending time interacting with children
- Formal or informal teaching experience with children (ages 2-10)
- Excellent communication skills with children and adults
- Ability to seek and accept supervision and guidance
- Background in science and/or gardening/farming

Benefits:

- Gain meaningful educational experience working with children from 0-10 and their caretakers
- Experience working directly with a variety of educators with different teaching styles and areas of expertise
- Opportunities to contribute science-based education materials to the Museum & Theatre
- Opportunities to work with unique animals and scientific collections
- Learn how to implement interactive museum programming
- Opportunities to develop public speaking and visitor service skills
- Become a part of the supportive Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine community

Commitment:

- Completion of 200 hours (min: 15 hours/week max: 25 hours/week)
- Weekday and weekend hours required (at least one weekend day per week)
- *Please note: this is an unpaid position.*