



Environmental Science Educator – Southern California

NatureBridge environmental science educators are skilled professionals with significant post-undergraduate experience and training in environmental education content, curricula, and pedagogy.

NatureBridge encourages opportunities for growth and professional development, and many of our educator alumni maintain leadership positions in environmental and education communities, leveraging their NatureBridge experience in positive ways.

Educators for NatureBridge in Southern California work in both the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Channel Islands National Park. Beginning August 2014, we are **hiring for our January/ February - June 19, 2015 season. As a start up campus, we seek individuals with positive attitudes, a love of science and nature, and who possess solution-oriented thinking skills.** Come grow our campus with your passion and innovation!

Essential Responsibilities

- Weekly lead students through multi-day, hands-on, experiential learning experiences in outdoor settings.
- Facilitate, using a student-centered approach, interactive, community-building environmental education activities for student groups.
- Use scientific inquiry and lead by example to demonstrate positive and responsible environmental literacy and behavior.
- Differentiate and tailor programs that meet the needs of each school group, incorporating teacher requests within our educational framework, program logistics, and student interests.
- Cultivate a culturally aware learning community using sensitivity to bring cultural relevance to program content and community relationships including students, teachers, and schools.
- Create and lead evening programs and/or assist National Park Service staff during evening programs weekly.
- Manage student safety in outdoor settings using sound judgment and applying appropriate risk management decisions; administer and document first aid as needed.
- Provide weekly, comprehensive pre- and post- assessments of student group learning to help evidence achievement of educational goals.
- Actively participate in staff community by attending meetings and trainings as assigned.
- Other duties as assigned.



Required Experience and Education

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

NatureBridge values diversity, equity, and inclusion. We strive to diversify our workforce and seek applications by individuals from all backgrounds, abilities, cultures, orientations, identities, and communities.

- **Bachelor's degree** in science, environmental or multi-disciplinary studies, or a related field.
- Current **Wilderness First Responder** and CPR certification or willingness to obtain training shortly after being hired.
- One to two years **relevant teaching experience** (preferably outdoors) and a working knowledge of inquiry-based, multi-disciplinary science and natural history.
- Ability to perform physically challenging work in the outdoors and in all weather conditions on uneven terrain. Ability to hike at least 5 miles each day on uneven terrain. Ability to lift 40 pounds.
- Commitment to diversity and inclusiveness within your teaching and our community.
- Effective communication and strong interpersonal skills.
- Solution oriented thinker, flexible to changing demands, high level of integrity.
- A willingness to be coached and openness to feedback.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings and occasional weekends.
- Valid and current driver's license. Class B with Passenger endorsement a plus!

Desirable qualifications

- Experience with English Language Learners or urban youth.
- Ability to speak and/or teach in a second language.
- Advanced degree and/or teaching credential.

Compensation

- Daily-rate compensation dependent on experience.
- Includes housing. On site meals provided during program hours.



To Apply

Email current COVER LETTER, RESUME, and 3 RELEVANT REFERENCES to smeducator@naturebridge.org

Applications accepted on a rolling basis for 2015 Spring Season.

Please use the following naming convention when attaching PDFs (no Word docs please):

LAST NAME.FIRST INITIAL_CL_sp15
LAST NAME.FIRST INITIAL_resume_sp15
LAST NAME.FIRST INITIAL_refs_sp15

See also naturebridge.org or fill out our electronic application at:
<https://www.naturebridge.org/environmental-science-educator>

Please note: Do not fill out an electronic application for both the Santa Monica Mountains and Channel Islands. One will suffice.