



AMERICORPS DISCOVERY FELLOW STUDENT INITIATIVE POSITION DESCRIPTION

Do you remember when you first felt that spark of curiosity in science? Who helped you grow that spark into a flame?

At Ocean Discovery Institute we use science to engage young people from urban, underserved backgrounds and empower them to transform their lives, their community, and ultimately our world as scientific and conservation leaders. We've received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, and most recently were recognized as a [CNN Hero](#).

We're looking for diverse, dedicated, and driven individuals to help us deliver exceptional programming to these young people, and you'll be joining us at an exciting time. We are opening a state-of-the-art science education facility, our [Living Lab](#), in the heart of one of San Diego's most underserved communities, enabling us to serve all 20,000 students in our school shed. You'll not only serve the community, you'll become a part of it.

As the AmeriCorps Discovery Fellow for the Student Initiative, you'll bring innovative science education to an entire community, creating the next generation of science and conservation leaders. You will help create that spark in students, and help them believe that a scientist is someone they can become. This is hard, but rewarding work. Individuals in this position gain professional skills over a two-year period to help them succeed in their next steps upon completion of service.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

- First year of service: foster management and interpersonal skills, while developing projects that offer new skills and experience needed for intended career path.
- Second year of service: grow your leadership through mentoring, increased programmatic responsibilities, and personal development based on individual interests and intended next steps.

ABOUT US

- We do what we say we will do.
- We develop our staff as leaders.
- We build authentic relationships.
- We value learning, diversity, stewardship, leadership, and passion.
- We make an impact on young lives by working as a professional, energetic, and highly successful team.

ABOUT YOU

Responsibilities/Deliverables:

- Provide direct hands-on instruction, teaching STEM and conservation concepts in the classroom and field, to elementary and middle school students from an underserved community up to 30 hours a week.
- Assist with program evaluation and development.
- Assist in program coordination such as supply management, curriculum development, student management, student support, scheduling, and volunteer management.
- Assist in developing program management systems (e.g., create protocols, spreadsheets).
- Engage volunteers in order to generate ideas, facilitate needed activities, and strengthen relationships.
- Provide support for program and organizational events and other duties on a need-be basis.

Requirements:

- College graduate with a bachelor's degree in a related field.

- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, Outlook, and PowerPoint.
- Pass a fingerprinting / background check.
- Have reliable transportation, valid Driver's License, vehicle insurance, and clean driving record.

Qualifications:

- Passion for, commitment to, and understanding of AmeriCorps mission and volunteer service.
- Demonstrate a deep understanding of the community we serve, such as graduating from our programs; living in the community of City Heights; or living in or from a community similar to City Heights.
- Science education experience, with a strong understanding of the scientific/research process.
- Ability to work as part of team in a fast paced, dynamic work environment.
- Interested in gaining science teaching and communication experience for future career path.

Desired Skills:

- Fluent in Spanish; proficient written and verbal communication skills.
- Strong swimming ability.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Two years of full-time service (approx. 40 hrs/week), 2 separate AmeriCorps contracts.
- Some evening and weekend work required.

AMERICORPS CONTRACT

Each service contract includes the following benefits as set by AmeriCorps:

- Living Allowance.
 - Approximately \$12,530 per year (subject to change) paid on a bi-weekly basis.
 - Subject to all applicable federal, state and local income taxes.
- Segal Educational Award.
 - Approximately \$5,730 for "Full-Year" (1700 hrs) upon completion of each service contract.
 - Hours are a minimum for eligibility, full completion of the service year is required.
- Health Care Supplement.
- Potential for Student Loan Deferment.
- To learn more about AmeriCorps and the benefits highlighted above please visit: <http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/american-corps> or contact site director, Roger Briceno, Notre Dame Mission Volunteers AmeriCorps @ rbriceno@ndmva.org or (323) 753-3210.

Ocean Discovery Benefits and Provisions:

- 1-2 weeks of time off (Dec. & Aug.).
- Annual uniform and dress code stipend.
- Possibility of 1-3 weeks paid hourly work (minimum wage) outside of existing role at the end of a service year.

START DATE

September 2017

HOW TO APPLY

Submit resume, cover letter, and 2-3 professional references to Rochelle Mothokakobo, Student Initiative Manager, RMothokakobo@OceanDI.org.

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