Details of Job No. 20064

Job Number: 20064 (Classification: Temporary/Seasonal Positions)

Title: Galapagos Islands Field Ecology Instructor

Agency: Ecology Project International

Location: Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Job Description: Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring instructors to teach and lead 12 day field ecology courses in Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Our programs introduce students to real-world scientific study, raise cultural and ecological awareness, and promote international conservation efforts. During the Galapagos Islands Ecology Program, international student groups (primarily from the US) spend time in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island monitoring biodiversity with Conservation International, collecting data for a Galapagos Tortoise rearing project and eradicating invasive species with the Galapagos National Park, interacting with local students high school students, and exploring the islands while living aboard a boat. Instructors may also lead day field trips and outreach activities for local Galapagos students. For more detailed information on our courses and organization, please visit our website: www.ecologyproject.org.

Responsibilities:

Provide and lead a positive experience for EPI participants in the field.

Promote and ensure a safe learning/living environment.

Plan, lead, and instruct quality experiential environmental education programs to a diversity of high school, middle school, or university students in both English and Spanish.

Plan, lead, and instruct courses based on the group’s expectations.

Be sensitive to the health and welfare of all participants and meet their developmental needs.

Understand, model, monitor, and enforce EPI policies and protocols.

Participate in all EPI staff development sessions throughout the season, including staff training, staff meetings, staff retreats, and complete feedback and evaluation forms.

Oversee and/or lead research activities accordance with local research protocols.

Establish and maintain clear communication with teachers, chaperones, participants, partners, co-instructor(s), and EPI staff.

Effectively manage logistical challenges and emergencies on course.

Promptly complete and file paperwork associated with each course.

Mentor EPI interns in the developing their skills and completing their expectations.

Show and maintain a positive attitude.

Dates: The program season is early March through the end of July 2010. Instructors will participate in a required unpaid training session to be held in late February / early March in the Galapagos Islands.
Qualifications: Required:
Desire to make a difference in the world;
Proven field teaching and outdoor leadership experience with young adults;
Enthusiasm for leading student groups in remote areas;
Spanish and English fluency;
Bachelor's degree in biology, ecology, natural sciences, or related field;
Field research experience;
Current Wilderness First Responder or Advanced First Aid & CPR certifications; and a
Minimum 21 years of age.

Preferred:
Master's degree in related field;
Experience working in remote Latin American settings;
Knowledge and familiarity with the Galapagos Islands; and a
Wilderness First Responder Certification.

Salary: $50 - $80 per day

Last Date to apply: October 28, 2009

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