



SCIENCENTER POSITION DESCRIPTION
Summer 2024 Internship, Education Assistant
Application Deadline: May 8th, 2024

JOB SUMMARY

Come join the Sciencenter for the summer—engage kids and families with hands-on science activities and experiments. The NASA-funded Education Assistant works closely with the education team and plays a key role in making the museum and camp experience a welcoming and inclusive place for families to learn together.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Facilitate guest interactions and provide interpretation with live exhibits, including the marine inhabitants in the tide pool touch tank as well as handling and introducing guests to teaching animals such as reptiles and lizards
- Assist with the supervision of summer campers and summer camp activity preparation
- Answer basic visitor questions and offer an inclusive, welcoming, approachable presence on the museum floor
- Facilitate activities and demonstrations in the galleries
- Staff the Discovery Space, a lending library of discovery boxes designed for young scientists to explore topics such as astronomy, climate, math, engineering, and more
- Support onsite and offsite events and special programs
- Assist with activity prototyping and provide feedback for curriculum development
- Assist with the delivery and dissemination of offsite summer programming
- Work collaboratively with volunteers and summer Youth Employees (ages 14-18) as they deliver programming and develop job skills
- Communicate with Sciencenter staff members about visitor questions and comments, exhibits needing repair, First Aid and other emergencies, and any other issues relating to visitors' experience in the museum
- Assist with museum cleanliness procedures
- Other duties as appropriate

Specialized training and staff support to develop science communication skills will be provided for all duties and responsibilities.

Interns may also be asked to help with on- and off-site special events as their schedule allows.

WORKING CONDITIONS

We are working towards creating a more inclusive workplace and are looking for candidates who share our commitment.

To complete the hiring process, candidates will be required to pass a background check and must be a US citizen.

TIME COMMITMENT AND STIPEND

This opportunity is offered to **students for 400 hours of internship** work. The stipend is \$7,300 and is supported through the generosity of NASA. We anticipate that interns will start on or around June 17th, wrapping up the 10-week internship on August 23rd prior to resuming classes. Individual weekly schedules will be determined by Sciencenter's open hours and will include one weekend day per week.

ABOUT THE SCIENCENTER

Mission: Cultivate an engaged community of curious, collaborative, critical thinkers.

Vision: A community where people use science as a way of understanding the world.

The Sciencenter is a non-profit hands-on science museum in Ithaca, NY. We are a nationally recognized institution, hosting 100,000 guests on-site each year and reaching over 1.5 million people worldwide through traveling exhibitions and off-site outreach programs. Volunteers, interns, and work-study students are an integral part of our team.

For more information, visit <http://www.sciencenter.org>.

TCAT Bus service to the Sciencenter include routes 13, 13S, 17

Please apply by sending a cover letter, resume, and two professional references to volunteer@sciencenter.org

The Sciencenter is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.