



WORK-STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Teen Science Alliance Assistant
Reports To: Teen and Adult Engagement Assistant
Manager

Department: Teen & Adult Engagement
Location of Workspace: Education Wing

SUMMARY OF POSITION:

Museum Education interns are in the halls and labs of OMSI where they facilitate hands-on science experiences and inspire museum guests to make amazing connections with science through activities, demonstrations, and informal interactions. Interns assist Museum Education staff in the regular presentation and development of the museum halls and labs.

This position is for the Teen Science Alliance and reports to the Assistant Manager of Teen and Adult Engagement. The Teen Science Alliance is OMSI's guided volunteering program for 14-18 year olds. It focuses on developing social, communication and problem solving skills with real life context and exposure to a professional climate. Teen volunteers present interactive demonstrations on the museum floor, as well as hone leadership, communication, and workplace skills.

EXPERIENCES THIS POSITION WILL PROVIDE:

- Facilitating hands-on demonstrations and training youth to lead demonstrations. Providing constructive criticism and feedback for youth participants.
- Working in a collaborative environment with paid and unpaid staff of a variety of ages, experiences, and backgrounds
- Gain experience mentoring and modeling positive workplace behavior for youth ages 13-18

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

What we are looking for:

- Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills.
- Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
- Desire and/or ability to present science process and content in an engaging way to a broad age range.
- Present a professional personal appearance.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a schedule.
- Able to train and supervise youth (ages 13-18) volunteers

Training you will receive:

- General informal science education philosophies and pedagogy
- Facilitation best practices, including how to facilitate intergenerational communication, frame questions, gauge and respond to guests' social and educational goals, and cultivate learner-driven investigations
- Culturally responsive facilitation strategies
- Museum safety and emergency response
- Techniques for mentoring and engaging teens

SCHEDULE:

- Minimum of 8 hours per week for 13 weeks.
- Must be available Saturdays.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Recognizing and promoting of science process skills
- Fostering learner-driven investigations
- Negotiating facilitator and visitor goals for optimal museum experience
- Cultivating reflective facilitation practices
- Supporting culturally responsive facilitation techniques
- Identifying benefits and disadvantages of using different types of objects and models in learning experiences
- Gaining knowledge of museum culture and practices
- Training on mentoring and instructing youth

PHOTOS OF WORK AREA:



HOW TO APPLY:

This position is only available to students who have been awarded Federal Work-Study funding as part of their financial aid award package. To apply and submit your [online application](#), along with a resume and cover letter. As part of the hiring process you may be invited to interview. If hired you will need to complete a background check.