

### Position Summary:

An Education Leadership Partner (ELP) is an official South Carolina Aquarium representative to the classroom teachers and school administrators of South Carolina. An ELP serves as an ambassador by facilitating workshop activities to teachers wanting to enrich their classroom teaching using the Aquarium as an educational resource.

The South Carolina Aquarium will be running a two-week training course called the Education Leadership Partner Course (Class 5) in order to gain more education partners around the state of South Carolina. A teacher applying for an ELP position is required to be in attendance each week day of this course June 19–23, 2023 and June 26–30, 2023. After the two-week training class, participants *may be chosen* to continue as an ELP. An ELP would serve a minimum 3-year commitment.

### Essential functions for applying to ELP Course:

- Attend each week day of the two-week training course (June 19-23 and June 26-30).
  - Week 1: June 19–23 will be at the South Carolina Aquarium or nearby in Charleston, SC.
  - Week 2: June 26–30 will be traveling through SC from the Mountains to the Sea (see syllabus below).
- Complete assignments throughout the training, including the creation of one grade level project.
- Be willing to learn about the South Carolina Aquarium, its exhibits, animals and education programs.
- Adhere to the South Carolina Aquarium Policies.

### Essential functions for those chosen as an ELP after the summer training course:

- Volunteer to shadow and facilitate curriculum activities for 2–3 School Programs Teacher Workshops on Saturdays during each school year.
- Attend 2 ELP Workshops (1 Fall, 1 Spring) on Saturdays to receive Aquarium updates and participate in team building.
- Develop and/or review curriculum materials/teacher support materials in conjunction with Education staff.
- Serve as a conduit of information to educators within their regions.
- Establish and maintain open communication channels, via e-mail, with Education staff.
- Adhere to the South Carolina Aquarium Policies.

### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

- Education experience (formal or informal).
- Knowledge of science (mostly life sciences).
- Good working knowledge of South Carolina science standards.
- Ability to teach/attend workshops on Saturdays during school season (about 4-5 Saturdays a year) in Charleston, Columbia or Spartanburg, SC.
- Skills needed to combine creativity, enthusiasm, and exemplary teaching methods to engage in science related activities.
- Excellent group presentation and management skills.
- Ability to work with adult audiences.
- Ability to maintain a sense of humor.
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills, both written and verbal.
- Strong teamwork ethic and leadership skills.
- High quality standards.

- High approachability and flexibility.
- Must be able to work effectively with all personalities.
- Must work well with all persons by way of diversity, equity and inclusion.

#### **Requirements for Position:**

- B.A. or B.S. in education, environmental or science field preferred.
- At least 3 years teaching experience in formal or informal education setting.
- Must be familiar with state science standards.
- Must be willing and able to provide proof of Covid-19 vaccination as a condition of service.

#### **Benefits of ELP Course:**

- Continuing education hours for two-week course (totaling 70 hours).
- Knowledge of South Carolina ecosystems and the South Carolina Aquarium.
- Paid field trips throughout South Carolina.
- Some meals provided during training.
- Parking provided during training.
- Help toward lodging during training (if not local to Charleston area).
- Training course acknowledgment sent to your school/district from the Aquarium.
- Potential contract with Aquarium to continue as an Education Leadership Partner for at least 3 years.

#### **Benefits for ELPs (if chosen after training):**

- Free Dominion Energy School Program field trip at the Aquarium (virtual or in-person) for one grade level at one school each school year. (Valued at \$150–2500)
- OR-
- Free Aquarium Visit each school year. Limit 140 students. (Valued at \$1890)
- OR-
- Free Virtual Field Trip for one grade level at one school each school year. (Valued at \$150–600)

#### **AND:**

- \$150 stipend for each workshop facilitated (stipends will be issued twice per year; December and March).
- \$150 travel stipend for attending **both** ELP workshops if traveling more than 60 miles. \$100 travel stipend for attending **both** ELP workshop if traveling less than 60 miles. Travel stipends will be issued in May after completing both ELP workshops.
- Aquarium Family membership for a year (\$219 value).
- Free parking during workshops. (Valued at \$150)
- Reciprocity Pass that allows you and one other person free admission to many Charleston attractions. (Priceless)

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work performed by people assigned to this classification. They are not construed to be an exhaustive list of all job duties performed by the personnel classified.

The Aquarium is an "at-will" employer, and as such, employment with the Aquarium is not for a fixed term or definite period and may be terminated at the will of either party, with or without cause, and without prior notice.

## **ELP Course Syllabus**

### Week 1 – June 19–23, 2023

At South Carolina Aquarium (or nearby in Charleston)

- South Carolina Aquarium (SCA) Mission and Vision
- SCA Exhibits and Animals
- South Carolina Ecosystems
- SCA Online Curriculum
- Dominion Energy School Programs
- ELP Curriculum Project

### Week 2 – June 26–30, 2023

Mountains to the Sea Field Trips

- Monday – Mountains (overnight)
- Tuesday – Piedmont/Sandhills (overnight)
- Wednesday – Coastal Plain
- Thursday – Coastal Zone/Ocean
- Friday – South Carolina Aquarium

## **ELP Course Timeline**

Applications due April 7, 2023

Interviews April 10–28

Notifications by May 12, 2023

ELP Course June 19–23 and 26–30