



## Northeastern University Marine Science Center AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

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AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellows deliver the resources young people need to be successful in life by creating, managing, and leading meaningful out-of-school time programs for youth in grades 6-12. Fellow projects focus on mentoring, social and emotional learning, college and career readiness, academic enrichment, and community service-learning.

**The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship** achieves this by placing AmeriCorps Fellows with schools, non-profit organizations and state/local government agencies that focus on fulfilling the needs of our youth by providing: *a caring adult, a safe place, a healthy start, a marketable skill, and an opportunity to give back.*

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### Service Description

NAHANT & LYNN-Since 1967, Northeastern University's Marine Science Center (MSC) has generated outstanding teaching and research in the marine sciences. The MSC's Outreach Program reaches 10,000 people per year through various programs and events, and has traditionally focused on serving teachers and students in eastern Massachusetts. The MSC and Girls Inc. of Lynn have developed the Beach Sister program in order to address the needs of youth in the City of Lynn by pairing the resources of an informal science education center with a community-based organization. The Beach Sister program will help pave the way for school-aged girls living in an environmental justice community to develop scientific inquiry and citizenship skills, and to learn about studies and careers in marine science. The Fellow will be responsible for coordinating and implementing the Beach Sister program. The Fellow will be tasked with expanding the Peer Leader program for teens, developing a more substantial middle school curriculum, providing training and capacity-building opportunities for Girls Inc. staff, and participating in evaluation efforts.

**Supervisor:** Valerie Perini, Outreach Instructor, [v.perini@northeastern.edu](mailto:v.perini@northeastern.edu)

### Essential Responsibilities

- Recruit, mentor, instruct and collaborate with six Peer Leaders, mentoring them to deliver programs to youth and fostering leadership/professional skills
- Oversee delivery of instruction by Peer Leaders to other youth during the school year and summer
- Participate in partner-led strategic and evaluation planning efforts
- Become familiar with MSC, Girls Inc., the local watershed, the demographics of the community served, and career applications/extensions within the local community
- Participate in all relevant MPF, NUMSC, and Girls Inc. meetings and trainings
- Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
- Make a full-time, 11 month commitment

### Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree or demonstrated equivalent of related experience preferred in area of Biology, Environmental Science, Science Education, Environmental Education, or related field

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- Drivers license and own vehicle required
- Have flexibility and a sense of humor
- Be resourceful and self-motivated
- Strong critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Ability to prioritize tasks and maintain progress on short and long-term goals
- Ability to work independently and take initiative
- Excellent organizational and communication skills
- Deep belief in the power and potential of young people to create social change
- Experience working with youth
- Passionate about social justice and working with diverse communities
- Must be a US Citizen, US National or Permanent Resident Alien
- Must be willing to undergo a National Service Criminal History Check, including screenings through the National Sex Offender Public Website, a name-based search of the statewide criminal history registry both in Massachusetts and your state of residence upon application to our program (if not Massachusetts), and a fingerprint based FBI check. \*Eligibility to participate in MPF is contingent on the results of this screening

### Fellow Schedule

M-F 10:30am-6:30pm with occasional nights and weekends

### Benefits

For an eleven month, full-time commitment and 1,700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:  
 A taxable living allowance of up to \$15,500/year ♦ Excellent training opportunities ♦ FREE courses at Northeastern University in the College of Professional Studies & discounted courses upon successfully completing the service year ♦ Loan forbearance and an up to \$5,920 educational award ♦ Monthly travel allowance ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

### How to Apply

**Apply ASAP!** Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.

Applicants must apply through our [General Application](#) and select the host site(s) of which they are interested in applying. Host sites will reach out to schedule a first round interview. If you have additional questions or would like to contact a host site, please see the e-mail contact listed above. Positions will continue to accept applications until they are listed as filled.

### More Info

- Interviews will take place during May, 2018 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
- Selection decisions will be made on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. **All position offers will be provisional until 2018-2019 federal funding has been confirmed.**
- Program start date is August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- More information about Northeastern University Marine Science Center and the youth program can be found at <https://cos.northeastern.edu/marinescience/outreach/beach-sisters-program/>
- **Visit [www.masspromisefellows.org](http://www.masspromisefellows.org) for detailed program information**

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The Massachusetts Promise Fellowship is committed to providing equal opportunities. We serve and partner with diverse organizations, and are dedicated to non-discrimination. It is our policy to ensure that all individuals with whom we are in contact are treated equally without regard to age, color, disability, gender, marital status, national origin, religion, sexual orientation or expression, or veteran status. We require that all our partners make reasonable accommodations for interviews and service for any and all individuals with a permanent or temporary

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disability. We actively partner with organizations representing minority concerns and interests to build high-performing teams that mirror the communities we serve.

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