Northeastern University Marine Science Center
AmeriCorps Massachusetts Promise Fellow

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 college and career exploration and academic enrichment.

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.

Service Description Northeastern University’s Marine Science Center (MSC) is an innovative teaching and research facility for marine and environmental sciences, which connects science and the public via our Outreach Program, which serves thousands of people per year through various educational programs and events. The MSC and Girls Inc. of Lynn created the Beach Sisters program to pair the resources of an informal science education center with a community-based organization, to help pave the way for 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 a part of the MSC and Girls Inc program teams, and will be responsible for coordinating and implementing the Beach Sisters program including mentoring teen Peer Leaders, working with youth to plan and deliver marine/environmental science after school programs to younger students, and coordinating community service learning projects.

Essential Responsibilities
● Recruit, mentor, instruct and collaborate with six high school students ("Peer Leaders"), mentoring them to deliver programs to youth, conduct service projects, and develop leadership/professional skills
● Oversee delivery of instruction by Peer Leaders to other youth during the school year
● Participate in partner-led strategic and evaluation planning efforts
● Become familiar with MSC, Girls Inc., the local watershed, and the community
● Complete required MPF data and evaluation requirements
● Travel at least once/month for Fellowship meetings, retreats, and training throughout the Commonwealth
● Make a full-time, 10.5 month commitment

Qualifications
● Bachelor’s degree or demonstrated equivalent of related experience preferred in Biology, Environmental Science, Science Education, Environmental Education, or related field
● Drivers license and own vehicle required
● Have flexibility and a sense of humor
● Be resourceful and self-motivated and possess strong critical thinking skills
● 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
• 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 evenings and weekends

Service Location: 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908
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Benefits
For an 10.5 month, full-time commitment and 1,700 hours of AmeriCorps service Fellows receive:
A taxable living allowance of up to $20,000/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 $6,495 educational award ♦ Travel reimbursement 15+ miles for Fellow monthly meetings ♦ Career coaching and support ♦ Healthcare benefits

Contact Information
Apply ASAP! Applicants are hired on a rolling basis.
Visit here to complete a general application and upload your letter of interest, resume and contact info for three references ASAP and before July 15, 2022.

More Info
• Interviews will take place during April-June 2022 and reasonable accommodations will be made available for interviews upon request.
• Selection decisions will be made on or before July 28th, 2022 to guarantee an on time program start. All position offers will be provisional until 2022-2023 federal funding has been confirmed.
• Program start date is August 15th, 2022
• More information about NU Marine Science Center and the youth programs can be found at https://cos.northeastern.edu/marinescience/outreach/
• Visit www.masspromisefellows.org for detailed program information

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