



Maritime Instructor

Reports to: Director of Maritime Programs
Status: Part Time, Non-Exempt

ABOUT THE OCEAN INSTITUTE

The Ocean Institute (OI) has redefined its future through a newly developed strategic plan and priorities that include research, education, conservation and excellence. Located on the waterfront in Dana Point Harbor, the Ocean Institute is a federally recognized 501c3 nonprofit. Working at OI offers a unique educational environment and ability to demonstrate your appreciation for the ocean. Its enviable location creates the opportunity to build meaningful bonds within the community, as well as inspire and influence future stewards of the ocean. OI's mission "Using the ocean as our classroom, we inspire children to learn", allows anyone with a passion for the ocean to utilize their skills in a positive, productive environment.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Are you looking for a job that will take you on an adventure? One where no two days are alike? Do you have a passion for learning, teaching, and gaining new experiences? The Ocean Institute is looking for a dedicated educator to join our Maritime team on the Brig Pilgrim and the Spirit of Dana Point.

Instructors in this part-time position will spend 15-30 hours per week teaching Maritime, California, and US History aboard two of the most unique and historic classrooms in the world. This position requires educators to work as a team to provide an education for students they will remember for a lifetime.

Ocean Institute is looking for passionate candidates that are willing to push themselves and want to make a positive impact on thousands of students from all over California. Applicants must love working in a team environment with a positive attitude and a willingness to go above and beyond for all our students and guests.

Ocean Institutes ideal candidate possesses a degree in education, history, theater, or equivalent experience. Applicants must be willing to work overnights, day shifts, as well as overnight/multiday sailing experiences with students to Catalina Island. Sailing experience is not necessary but is a plus.

REQUIREMENTS

- Must have four-year degree in history, theatre, education, or a related field.
- Must maintain certification in First Aid and CPR.
- Must be committed to excellence and furthering the educational and environmental mission of the Ocean Institute.
- Must have demonstrated excellence in leadership in an educational setting.
- Must have the ability to communicate effectively and establish a good rapport with staff, as well as with visiting teachers, students, and chaperones.
- Must be self-motivated and able to work independently in an unsupervised environment.
- Must exhibit a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and passion for work in Ocean Education!
- Upon job offer, completes a fingerprint and background check.
- Upon hire, participates in United States Department of Transportation and Coast Guard required drug-testing program.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Demonstrates the ability to positively maintain a focused learning environment in a variety of situations and settings.
- Demonstrates knowledge and understanding of California/ US natural and cultural histories. Uses teaching techniques to dynamically present the facts and underlying principles of these disciplines to students of a wide range of ages and abilities.
- Demonstrates the ability to utilize the program's characters in role-play to dramatically and effectively engage the students while meeting the goals and objectives of the program as outlined in the staff training manual.
- Display and maintain knowledge of California and US history
- Dresses in period-specific costumes to recreate the lives of men who worked aboard ships such as ours in the 1700's and 1800's.
- Willingness to train and mentor new Maritime Instructors.
- Strive to be a constant and continuous student, and thrive when facing challenges and adversity
- Convey knowledge of and demonstrate safety procedures to participants in educational activities and effectively enforces safety guidelines.
- Works with supervisors to resolve participant behavioral problems.
- Understands and maintains safety and conduct expectations outlined in the Ocean Institute Employee Handbook and other Ocean Institute documents.
- Assists in the maintenance of equipment and supplies.
- Assists the Maritime Program Director in developing/ implementing new curriculum.
- Participates in Ocean Institute staff meetings, training and enhancement activities.
- Interacts professionally with colleagues, other departments at the Ocean Institute and public.
- Works as part of a team with other Ocean Institute staff members and uses interpersonal communication techniques to ensure the success of the programs and positive work environment.
- Maintains a positive and professional attitude/ appearance in a vigorous working environment.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Ocean Institute is an equal opportunity employer without regard to race, religion or religious creed (including religious dress and grooming practices), color, sex (including pregnancy, perceived pregnancy, childbirth, breastfeeding, and any related medical conditions), gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, transitioning status, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, uniform service member status, military and veteran status, marital status, pregnancy, age, protected medical condition, genetic information, mental or physical disability, holding or presenting a driver's license issued under Cal. Vehicle Code Section 12801.9, or any other category protected by applicable federal, state or local law.

TO APPLY

Please send cover letter, resume detailing related experience, and cover letter to recruitment@oceaninstitute.org