

Job Title: Seasonal Field Research and Education Assistant

Job Description: The Linda Loring Nature Foundation (www.llnf.org) seeks a motivated, enthusiastic, self-reliant field assistant with an interest in research and education. This is primarily a field-based position that includes rare species and invasive plant monitoring, collection of plant phenology data, various wildlife monitoring, and land management-related projects. In addition, the LLNF conducts summer workshops for children via the Kids in Nature programming. The applicant would assist in part-time curriculum development and leading children in nature-based lessons and activities on our 104 acre property. LLNF conducts environmental education programs for people of all ages and backgrounds; the applicant may be asked to assist with programming for adults and senior citizens as well. The field assistant will have the opportunity to gain experience in environmental education, rare species conservation, science communication, climate change-related research and applied ecological monitoring – working on a variety of projects.

Responsibilities:

1. Assist with curriculum development and teaching as part of the LLNF's Kids in Nature program;
2. Assist with nature walks on the property for visitors;
3. Data collection of plant and insect phenology as part of a long-term study;
4. Photographing study plants at each life stage to help develop phenology information cards;
5. Assist with monitoring vegetation community composition as part of a deer exclosure study;
6. Inventory state-listed plant species that currently or have historically occurred on our property;
7. Inventory, monitoring, and management of invasive plant species including hand removal;
8. Assist in various wildlife monitoring projects, such as monitoring nest success of nest boxes;
9. Data entry, quality control, and proof-reading;
10. Science communication via writing blog posts, social media posts, and educational materials;
11. Assist with property management and stewardship.

Other responsibilities may develop. As a small, dedicated organization the staff is constantly working on new projects.

Required Qualifications: B.S. or B.A. (or working towards such a degree) in Ecology, Botany, Zoology, Natural Resource Management, Environmental Science, or a related biological/ecological field. Experience with environmental or outdoor education. Strong observational, critical thinking and organizational skills are essential, as is the ability to

accurately collect data and record field notes. Individuals must be able to work both independently and as a member of a team.

Desired Qualifications: A familiarity with and/or a willingness to learn wildlife monitoring, flora of the northeast, and use of GPS units in the field. Experience working in Microsoft Excel for data entry. Interest in citizen science and communicating science to a broad audience.

Dates/Hours: This is a full-time, temporary position beginning in mid to late May and ending in late August; exact dates are somewhat flexible. Hours are generally Monday through Friday, averaging eight hours per day. Occasional evenings or weekends may be necessary.

Wages/Benefits: Wage is commensurate with experience. Medical and unemployment insurance and paid sick days are *not* available to seasonal employees. **Housing is not provided.**

Location: The Linda Loring Nature Foundation is located on Nantucket Island, MA, ~ 33 miles south of Cape Cod, in the Atlantic Ocean. For more information on our mission as well as education and research projects, please see the LLNF website (www.llnf.org).

Application: Application deadline is Wednesday February 28th, 2018 by 5pm.

Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

For a complete application, please submit **ONE DOCUMENT** which includes a cover letter, resume and contact information for three professional references.

All applications must be submitted via email to Dr. Sarah Bois at: stbois@llnf.org

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