



Seasonal Educator Deckhand

Inland Seas Education Association (ISEA) seeks an enthusiastic, hard-working individual to join our team as a Seasonal Educator Deckhand. This position is responsible for delivering educational programming and serving as a crew member aboard the traditionally rigged tall ship schooner, *Inland Seas*. This position requires participation in a DOT-approved drug testing program.

The 2022 season will include delivering day-sail and overnight programs around the Grand Traverse Bay region of northern Lake Michigan, the Straits of Mackinac, Detroit, MI, Cleveland, OH, and Two Harbors, MN.

Primary Responsibilities:

Educator

- Deliver educational units to student, family, and community groups that emphasize hands-on involvement and relate to Great Lakes topics.
- Lead group lessons during overnight programs, including science, sailing, and team-building activities.
- Provide support to education programming, including but not limited to: maintenance of program equipment, lead program activities, and develop new activities for overnight programs.

Deckhand & Ship Operations

- Train to fill the role of crew member aboard *Inland Seas*.
- Participate in a pre-employment and random drug test program as required by the United States Coast Guard ([click here to learn more about this regulation](#)).
- Learn assigned emergency response duties.
- Assist in directing passengers in a safe manner aboard the ship.
- Understand and comply with the ship's rules, policies, and Standing Orders.
- Assist with cleaning, maintenance, and repairs as needed.

Secondary Responsibilities

- Participate in staff meetings.
- Assist with other activities related to ISEA's educational mission.

ISEA fosters a community of learning. All seasonal employees & interns are encouraged to take on tasks that will help them reach their education and employment goals.

Skills/Prerequisites:

- Degree (current or graduated) in Life or Earth Sciences (*biology, chemistry, geology, limnology, water resources, marine biology, etc.*)
 - And/or professional experience in teaching, leading, or facilitating STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) activities, lessons, or topics
- Enthusiastic about teaching and learning
- Ability to work well with youth and adults
- Willingness to learn and teach new subject material
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills
- Strong team player
- Ability to work weekends and evenings as needed, especially July and August
- Ability to travel 1-10 days as needed
- Able to climb ladders and use companionways aboard the vessel
- Able to lift 40 lbs and haul halyards, dock and anchor lines
- Physically able to perform duties required of emergency operations aboard the vessel
- Not subject to *severe* motion-sickness
- Ability to work in turbulent waters and challenging weather conditions
- Experience with or knowledge of ship operations (preferred, not required)

Term:

May – mid August (4 months)

The ideal candidate would begin no later than **May 2, 2022** to begin training for our spring programming, which begins May 9, 2022. Options to start in late April are available.

Spring crew training would culminate in full crew participation for the summer season, June through August.

End date is flexible, but the ideal candidate would be able to stay through August 14, 2022.

Compensation:

A stipend is available at a rate of \$400 per week.

ISEA can also support students earning internship college credit through their university.

Sea Service documentation available for those interested in continuing in the professional maritime industry.

Room & Board:

On-site, shared housing can be arranged for non-local candidates and includes dormitory-style and ship-based lodging from our Suttons Bay, MI campus. The candidate is expected to live aboard the ship for summer programming, June through August. Aboard the ship, it is customary for lunch to be provided on work days, and for all meals to be provided on overnight programs and when working at away ports.

For full consideration apply by **February 10, 2022**

Apply by email with resume and letter of interest:

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