

FieldSTEM[®] Coordinator – Lower Columbia Region Recruitment Announcement

Recruitment Announcement: Lower Columbia FieldSTEM Coordinator

Recruitment Closes: Open until filled

Start Date: Negotiable

Location: This is a home or field-based position requiring travel within, but not limited to, the Lower Columbia region is identified as Cowlitz, Clark, Skamania, Klickitat and Wahkiakum counties. Candidate will be expected to reside within the region.

Job Description:

PEI is a statewide organization headquartered in Olympia, Washington. The Lower Columbia FieldSTEM Coordinator is the regional point of contact for PEI, managing the implementation of FieldSTEM. This position is responsible for creating and maintaining partnerships with school districts, educational leaders, nonformal educators and local agricultural, natural resource and environmental science professionals to facilitate planning and implementation of FieldSTEM.

PEI strives to create a diverse team that allows us to effectively connect to the communities we serve. We have a commitment to integrating diverse perspectives into our workplace culture and encourage our employees to bring their whole, authentic selves to work. PEI evaluates candidates based on their experience, abilities and effectiveness and does not discriminate against candidates based on any other personal characteristic or any classification.

PEI is currently contracted with state agencies requiring confirmation that all staff members are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 or have an approved religious or disability-related exemption.

Primary Responsibilities

Represent PEI in the Region

- Be a positive ambassador of PEI
- Work within the mission to implement PEI's strategic plan goals
- Provide regional planning, support, and reporting for PEI
- Attend and contribute to PEI's virtual or in-person professional learning workshops
- Contribute to PEI's social media and outreach efforts

District, School, and Teacher Engagement

- Engage districts, schools, and teachers to initiate systemic FieldSTEM implementation
- Facilitate the work of districts and schools to embed FieldSTEM

Professional Learning and Regional Meeting Facilitation

- Coordinate and deliver professional learning opportunities in collaboration with other staff and consultants
- Facilitate collaborative regional meetings with teachers, district liaisons, consultants, business, and organization partners to aid in FieldSTEM implementation

Community Partner Development

- Conduct and maintain a community asset inventory identifying partners that can support FieldSTEM implementation
- Facilitate and support community partner to school connections, function as the point of contact

Support PEI's statewide initiatives

- Work with staff to provide support for initiatives such as PEI's Multicultural Program, Green Jobs and WA State Outdoor School For All

Preferred Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree and 3+ years of experience as a formal classroom educator or equivalent lived experience
- Experience working with and leading adults; skilled in meeting and workshop facilitation
- Self-directed, takes initiative to follow through on plans and projects
- Professional, positive, creative, flexible
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team
- Enthusiastic, committed to education, teachers, and students; works well with all people
- Experience in and commitment to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion
- Up to date on current initiatives in education, e.g., Washington State Learning Standards, Since Time Immemorial, Environmental and Sustainability Education standards
- Awareness of green economy sectors (natural resources, renewable energy, agriculture and food systems, outdoor recreation, environmental conservation)
- Ability to provide own transportation and proof of auto insurance coverage

Wages and Employment Information

This is a part-time position with the potential to be full-time, minimum of 30 hours per week. Wages are \$28.00 - \$30.00 per hour dependent on successful applicant's qualifications and experience. PEI offers a competitive Employee Benefit Plan and includes paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, health, vision, dental, retirement and life insurance benefits. Benefits are pro-rated based on FTE level.

To Apply

Please apply by submitting a job application on our website at <http://bit.ly/36m5c7T> including a cover letter and resume to Gail Kramer, PEI Finance and HR Director, or by mail to 724 Columbia St. NW, Suite 255, Olympia WA 98501. We are committed to creating conditions where all candidates can fully express their talents and potential and invite you to let us know if there are any accommodations that we can provide to support you in your pursuit of this role. Applications can be accepted in person with an appointment. Incomplete applications will not be considered. PEI thoughtfully reviews every resume submitted but will only communicate with those selected for an interview.

About PEI:

PEI is a leader in promoting scientific literacy and civic engagement by empowering people to make balanced, well-informed decisions for just and sustainable communities. PEI supports educators by specializing in professional learning and FieldSTEM implementation. It is a process that takes students outdoors to integrate language and math skills with an understanding of complex social (cultural, economic, civic) and natural systems to: answer authentic questions through scientific inquiry, design real solutions through engineering, and resolve issues through collaborative decision making. Find more information at <https://pacificeducationinstitute.org/>.