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Visting Environmental Extension Associate, Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant

WE TRANSFORM LIVES.

Everything we do is designed to improve the quality of life of the people in the state of Illinois, across the nation, and around the world. We discover, develop, translate, and disseminate knowledge to address societal concerns and train the next generation of experts and leaders in a way that empowers them to expand the boundaries of science to higher levels of understanding and influence.

Be a part of our story. Through learning partnerships that extend knowledge and change lives, University of Illinois Extension provides educational programs aimed at making life better, healthier, safer, and more profitable for individuals and their communities. Illinois Extension has operated continuously for more than 100 years connecting the citizens of Illinois to their land-grant university by providing educational programming around the state. University of Illinois Extension is based in the College of ACES and works with all colleges and units of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, one of 34 Sea Grant programs in the U.S., brings the latest science to those who can best use the information, empowering people in the two states and the Great Lakes region to solve problems in sustainable ways. The program is funded through [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\)](#), the [University of Illinois](#) and [Purdue University](#).

The Visiting Environmental Extension Associate for Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant serves as a full time academic professional with primary responsibility for providing outreach to Areas of Concern stakeholders and partners, communicating how remediation and restoration lead to revitalization, and facilitating revitalization partnerships.

One full time position is available.

Location: Chicago, IL

(Position will be housed at the EPA Great Lakes National Program Office)

This is a security-sensitive position. Comprehensive background checks, including but not limited to a criminal conviction information check, a CANTS check, and a review of the Registered Sex Offender list, will be conducted.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Development, Delivery, and Evaluation

- Develop and implement an outreach plan about the community revitalization impacts of Great Lakes Restoration Initiative work in Great Lakes Areas of Concern (AOCs) based on the results of a needs assessment of the AOC outreach program, and with input from AOC coordinators/practitioners from Federal, State, and local communities.
- Design and develop a suite of outreach tools to highlight a variety of economic, societal, and recreational benefits evidenced in AOCs. Proposed outreach tools include a series of 5-7 fact sheets, and an interactive story map of AOC revitalization.
- Collaborate with IISG staff, U.S. EPA Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) staff, and a contract videographer to produce a series of 5-7 videos on AOC revitalization.
- Participate in local public meetings, regional Great Lakes meetings and conferences, and national waterfront revitalization and redevelopment conferences in order to elevate the Great Lakes as a leader in waterfront revival and extend knowledge to other coastal regions.
- Develop a lessons-learned document and host a revitalization workshop at the AOC Conference that highlight the remediation-restoration-revitalization connection throughout AOC communities.
- Determine effectiveness of programming using appropriate evaluation techniques and contribute to grant and program reporting.
- Ensure that programming addresses the diversity of stakeholders.

APPLICATION DUE

December 4, 2020

PROPOSED START DATE

As soon as possible after the closing date

SALARY

Commensurate with experience and qualifications

TO APPLY

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<http://go.illinois.edu/137725>

Log in to your account and upload a cover letter and resume, as well as the names and contact information of three professional references.

MORE INFORMATION

The position is a temporary, full-time, benefits-eligible, non-tenure academic professional position. This position may become non-visiting at a later time dependent upon funding and/or programmatic needs. Generous vacation and sick leave. State Universities Retirement System. Group health, dental, vision and life insurance.

The University of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans, and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply. For more information, visit: go.illinois.edu/EE0.



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Research / Collaboration

- Conduct a needs assessment of the AOC outreach program, focused on the remediation-restoration-revitalization connection, to identify needs and gaps in outreach support, with input from GLNPO staff, state coordinators, and local stakeholders.
- Provide outreach support for GLNPO, state coordinators, and local stakeholders. This may include public meetings, press event support, and publicity for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative habitat restoration, management action completion, Beneficial Use Impairment removals, or AOC delisting.
- Work collaboratively with AOC stakeholders to help foster partnerships, encouraging information-sharing across the local stewardship, planning, and environmental communities.

Other Information

- Comply with all University of Illinois Extension Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity policies and guidelines in all aspects of Extension work; assists Unit staff with data collection for Affirmative Action, Gender, and Targeted reports.
- Perform other duties that contribute to the mission of University of Illinois Extension and Outreach programming, as assigned.
- To perform the functions of this position, the employee will be required to perform work both within an office and outside in the communities that are served, and must have the capability to travel from one location to the other in a timely fashion. Employee is responsible for securing personal transportation. A valid driver's license is preferred. Some work will be required during evenings and/or weekends. When working, the employee may be exposed to a variety of environmental factors to include, but not limited to, hot or cold weather, exposure to noise and allergens, and uneven ground. In performing the functions of this position, the employee may be subjected to various mental and physical demands as well to include, but not limited to, independently traveling to and performing work at different locations, lifting and moving items that may occasionally weigh up to forty (40) pounds and frequently weigh up to twenty (20) pounds, and twisting, pushing and pulling movements. More detailed information regarding the functions of this position (including the physical, mental and environmental requirements of the position) may be obtained from Human Resources for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) by contacting hr@aces.illinois.edu.

Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant is committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in both the program and the communities it serves. For more information, visit <https://iiseagrant.org/about/about-us/>.

Administrative Relationship: The Visiting Environmental Extension Associate for Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant is administratively responsible to the Outreach Program Leader for Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant.

QUALIFICATIONS

Required:

- Master's degree related to subject matter from an accredited institution of higher education is required. Examples of relevant majors could include, but are not limited to, human dimensions of natural resources, coastal management, environmental policy, communications, sustainability studies, environmental economics, human geography, urban and regional planning, or community development. Candidates with a Master's degree in progress will be considered for interviews, but degree must be completed by hire date.

The University of Illinois conducts criminal background checks on all job candidates upon acceptance of a contingent offer. The University of Illinois System requires candidates selected for hire to disclose any documented finding of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment and to authorize inquiries to current and former employers regarding findings of sexual misconduct or sexual harassment. For more information, visit [Policy on Consideration of Sexual Misconduct in Prior Employment](#). The University of Illinois must also comply with applicable federal export control laws and regulations and, as such, reserves the right to employ restricted party screening procedures for applicants.

As a qualifying federal contractor, the University of Illinois System uses [E-Verify](#) to verify [employment eligibility](#).

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- Experience communicating science to scientific and non-scientific audiences.
- Experience with data analysis.
- Experience working effectively under minimal supervision and managing multiple priorities.

Preferred:

- 1-2 years of experience working in environmental outreach. Relevant experience is considered broadly, and can include seasonal positions, volunteer work, or other student/part-time positions.
- Experience with Great Lakes.
- Training in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Strong oral and written communication skills. Evidence of strong interpersonal skills. Organized work approach with attention to detail and sound judgment. Ability for leadership, planning, and working in a collaborative team environment. Ability to build and maintain diverse networks. Strong interest in/knowledge of remediation, restoration and community revitalization. Strong interest in public outreach. Ability to communicate effectively via social media is preferred.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply, go to <http://go.illinois.edu/137725>. Log in to your account and upload a cover letter and resume, as well as the names and contact information of three professional references. Resume dates must be in month/year format and employment history, at a minimum, should include all work dating back to the completion of your undergraduate degree. Positions that were less than full-time/100% must be noted as being part-time. Transcripts may be requested at a later date. To receive full consideration, all requested application materials must be submitted via the online system by the close date of **December 4, 2020**.

For further information about the position please contact Pat Charlebois at charlebo@illinois.edu. For Technical assistance with the online application process, please email jobs@illinois.edu.