Turtle Education Outreach Internship (Sea Grant)

University of Guam Sea Grant (UOGSG) seeks enthusiastic, curious undergraduates who want to learn about our island’s turtles, and share that knowledge with elementary school (K-6th grade) audiences!

ABOUT UOG SEA GRANT
On Guam, recreational and commercial use of coastal resources—our watersheds, beaches, reefs, and open ocean—present challenges to maintaining ecosystem health. UOG Sea Grant addresses issues that compromise ecosystem health through research, education, and outreach.

UOG Sea Grant implements education and outreach in two ways: 1) Formal education, by offering for-academic credit classes or internships, and 2) Informal education, through workshops, presentations, or educational products targeting general audiences.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION
Turtle Education Outreach Interns will research turtles in the Pacific region, design a presentation using scientific information and Micronesian cultural knowledge or traditions, design a game or activity for use in community outreach, conduct at least ten (10) presentations in public elementary schools, and train UOGSG staff and interns on doing these presentations.

Interns will undergo 30 hours of formal training on outreach, assist and participate in UOGSG’s regularly scheduled activities, gain experience in a professional work environment, and learn how to be an excellent school presenter. A science background is not required but applicants must want to learn and teach science-based lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity for students who want to explore education, environment or natural resource management, and science professions!

Interns receive a stipend of $1,000.

DATES AND TIME COMMITMENT
December 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017, with the bulk of flexibly scheduled time done throughout December and early January. Interns should maintain some availability in January and February during traditional school hours (weekdays, between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.).

MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS
Applicants should:
• Have a high school diploma or G.E.D,
• Be enrolled at Guam Community College or the University of Guam (full-time credit hours not required),
• Know how to use standard Microsoft Office, Google Docs packages, and email, and be able to learn less commonly used software features,
• Be able to work for long stretches of time without direct supervision, and be responsible for projects,
• Be able to meet deadlines independently,
• Work carefully and conscientiously so few mistakes are made,
• Demonstrate initiative and commit to working hard towards making exceptional quality products and conducting presentations,
• Desire to work collaboratively and contribute to a positive team dynamic,
• Role model character and behaviors consistent with elementary schools’ educational objectives,
• Demonstrate personal qualities essential for grade school outreach, including enthusiasm, humor, a love for diverse audiences, and the desire to create an accessible learning community.

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND SKILLS
• Any knowledge of other languages,
• Experience with the Guam Department of Education, either as an alumni or in some other capacity,
• Valid driver’s license.

CONTACT
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