



SoCal Educator Development Program | January 2018

The NatureBridge Educator Development Program (EDP) encourages and aims to increase representation of those who have had historical and systemic barriers to the field of outdoor education and consequently the workforce.



"The greatest impact of being an EDP participant is that I had an opportunity to look at myself and consider how all my intersectional identities influenced my teaching style and motivation for being an environmental science educator. Not only did I get the chance to reflect on that myself, but I was able to speak to other educators with similar identities, experiences, and influences on their education styles. I felt a part of a community of like minded, strong, and resilient individuals that were undoubtedly changing the face of outdoor education." —Kaycey B., EDP Graduate

EDP is designed to recruit and train education staff who can effectively connect with our student communities, especially those of Los Angeles and Southern California. This month-long, paid training program provides observation and coaching in residential environmental education, with a supportive cohort of community members and former EDP graduates.

Successful applicants will have a place held for them on the Southern California NatureBridge team and will move directly into spring seasonal employment at our Southern California campus. The program is based in Malibu, and educators travel to NatureBridge Golden Gate and Yosemite for one week each to observe, receive coaching, and practice their new skills with their cohort.

DATES

EDP Training: January 2 - January 26, 2018

Spring Season: January 29 - June 15, 2018

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Due by 11:59 p.m. October 2, 2017

Email smmeducator@naturebridge.org with **EDP 2017** in the subject line. Attach PDFs of a COVER LETTER, RESUME, contact information for THREE REFERENCES, as well as an ESSAY describing your life experiences that have inspired you to help connect youth to the natural world. Essays should be no longer than three pages, single-spaced. Questions about EDP SoCal may be directed to the same email and will be responded to within 48 hours.

For more information about the program, visit naturebridge.org/EDP.