



**JOB TITLE:** MULTI-CAMPUS ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EDUCATOR  
**LOCATION:** PRINCE WILLIAM FOREST PARK (VA) AND GOLDEN GATE (CA)  
**FLSA STATUS:** EXEMPT DAILY (VA) AND NON-EXEMPT HOURLY (CA)

### **About NatureBridge**

Founded in 1971, NatureBridge provides environmental science programs for students in the world's best classrooms—our national parks. Our mission is to connect young people to the wonder and science of the natural world, igniting self-discovery and inspiring stewardship of our planet. As the largest residential education partner of the National Park Service, NatureBridge serves more than 30,000 students and their teachers each year in six national parks. In order to further our mission, NatureBridge is committed to supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion and to promoting equal opportunity for students and staff in the field of environmental education. We strive to diversify our workforce and seek applications by individuals from all backgrounds, abilities, cultures, orientations, identities, and communities. For more information, visit: [naturebridge.org](http://naturebridge.org)

### **Summary**

This is a multi-campus Environmental Science Educator position beginning in April 2019, ending in November 2019. Educators work at Prince William Forest Park in Virginia for the spring season, transfer to the Golden Gate campus in California for the summer, then return to Prince William Forest Park for the fall season. This is an ideal position for experienced educators wishing to expand their knowledge and skill set, work and live in two culturally and ecologically different places, and work within the National Park system. Compensation includes housing, some meals, financial assistance in transferring campuses, and benefits.

NatureBridge Environmental Science Educators are skilled professionals with significant post-undergraduate experience and training in environmental education content, curricula, and pedagogy. At Prince William Forest Park, educators teach 3-day, hands-on outdoor environmental science education programs to students from Virginia and Washington DC. Educators work primarily with 5th and 7th graders. At Golden Gate Coastal Camp, educators teach 5-day camp sessions, working primarily with 1st-3rd graders. Coastal Camp combines marine and coastal ecology themes with hands-on educational activities and games in a day camp setting.

Tentative 2019 dates are as follows:

Spring season (Prince William, VA): April 1st - June 6th

Summer season (Golden Gate, CA): June 10th - August 16th

Fall season (Prince William, VA): September 2nd - November 7th

### **Primary Duties and Responsibilities**

*Both campuses:*

- Lead students through multi-day, hands-on, experiential learning experiences in an outdoor setting
- Design and implement group-specific, student-centered programming that is age appropriate, culturally responsive, and reflects the NatureBridge Core Educational Framework
- Lead by example to demonstrate positive and responsible environmental literacy and behavior
- Cultivate a culturally responsive learning community; bring relevance to program content for diverse student groups
- Manage participant safety in outdoor settings using sound judgment and application of NatureBridge risk management policies and guidelines; administer and document first aid as needed
- Actively participate in staff community by participating in meetings, support activities, and trainings as assigned
- Provide weekly evaluations and assessments of program success and participant growth and learning
- Other duties as assigned

### *Prince William Forest Park*

- Plan and deliver environmental science programming tailored to the needs of each group; provide opportunities for students to engage in the practices of science
- Fulfill rotating responsibilities to facilitate meal shifts and provide program support
- Lead multiple evening programs per week, and occasionally stay on campus overnight as an on-call staff member

### *Golden Gate*

- Plan camp friendly games, lessons and activities that highlight fun and adventure
- Informally mentor and work cooperatively with camp counselors (1 per week) to implement camp days
- Implement required Coastal Camp activities during the week
- Attend weekly staff meetings on Wednesdays when on schedule

### **Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree in science, environmental or interdisciplinary studies, or a related field; or equivalent experience
- Minimum 1-2 years of relevant teaching experience (preferably outdoors), and a working knowledge of inquiry-based, multi-disciplinary science and natural history
- Current Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and Epinephrine Auto-Injector certifications, or willingness to obtain prior to start date at your own expense
- Ability to implement and model excellent risk management practices and maintain a safe environment for all students in highly variable terrain
- Commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within your teaching and our community
- A willingness to be coached and openness to feedback
- Effective communication and interpersonal skills
- Flexibility and enthusiasm, problem-solving skills, and excellent work ethic
- Ability to work flexible hours, including evenings
- Employment is contingent upon employee background check and TB test

### **Desirable Qualifications**

- Advanced degree and/or teaching credential
- Experience working with racial and ethnic minority groups, urban youth, low-income communities, immigrant communities, LGBTQ communities, people with special needs, and other groups underrepresented in environmental education
- Ability to speak and/or teach in a language other than English relevant to our student populations
- Wilderness First Responder certification
- Ability to infuse arts, music, and interdisciplinary activities with outdoor, experiential learning
- Experience working in early childhood education

### **How to Apply**

**Priority application deadline is Monday, October 22nd, 2018. Applications will be accepted after Oct. 22nd on a rolling basis until all positions are filled. Please direct questions and inquiries about open positions to Rae Parks, Mid-Atlantic Program Manager, at [midatlanticsearch@naturebridge.org](mailto:midatlanticsearch@naturebridge.org).** A complete applications consists of:

- A cover letter describing why you want to work for NatureBridge at Prince William Forest Park and Golden Gate Coastal Camp
- Your current resume
- Contact information for three references

When your materials are complete, please apply using the online application form at:

<https://naturebridge.org/environmental-science-educator-application-prince-william>

**We look forward to reviewing your application!**