



School Programs Volunteer Volunteer Position (10 hours per week)

POSITION SUMMARY:

Reporting to the staff of the Student Education team within the Department of Teacher and Student Engagement, the School Programs volunteers are responsible for assisting in the facilitation of [onsite](#) experiences for students and occasional [distance learning](#) experiences for K-8 students. The overarching vision for the Teacher and Student Engagement group is that K-12 educators facilitate meaningful, co-constructed science experiences such that students are motivated and able to apply sustainable solutions to their lives.

The training program provides an in-depth, hands-on experience for people interested in informal education. Volunteers participating in the program will learn teaching techniques, gain an understanding of how to communicate with students of varying ages and backgrounds. This volunteership is open to anyone who fits the qualifications below. We can also work with volunteers who are seeking academic credit, or need a project-based experience to fulfill a graduation requirement.

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ESSENTIAL DUTIES and RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assist education staff in teaching, onsite field trip activities in the museum's onsite classrooms
- Prepare and maintain supplies, educational materials, classrooms and work spaces
- Provide administrative support as required
- Follow all Academy safety regulations
- Other duties as required

QUALIFICATIONS:

To perform this volunteer position successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:

- Interest in informal science education or a formal classroom preferred

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS and ABILITIES:

- Comfortable speaking to groups of 40 people at a time
- Openness to new ideas and flexibility to constantly tweak programs
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Attention to detail, organizational and time management skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office and Google Suite Applications
- Interest in non-traditional learning environments and informal learning strategies
- Willingness to learn and a strong desire to support the Academy's mission

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:**

Ability to speak effectively before groups or individuals. Proficiency in Spanish, Cantonese, or Mandarin is desirable, but not required.

SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS:

This training program is of a fixed length. Applicants must be available at least two weekdays per week (Monday-Thursday) from 8:30am-1:30pm during the school year from October to May. Participation is encouraged at occasional group trainings.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS and WORK ENVIRONMENT:

While performing the duties of this position, the volunteer is frequently required to talk, hear and tolerate high levels of noise. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform these essential functions.

TO APPLY:

Please complete the [volunteer application](#) and select the Education/Outreach checkbox under “Museum Area of Interest”. For details about this specific volunteer position, contact educatorintraining@calacademy.org.

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