IslandWood’s Urban School Programs include programs at urban parks and schoolyards and at the Brightwater Center in Woodinville. Urban School Programs engage students in their home environments and dig deep into how built and natural systems work in tandem. Our programs seek to cultivate understanding of the complexity of urban systems to give learners the tools to generate solutions that lead to resilient, healthy, and thriving communities.

IslandWood is a team-oriented, collaborative organization that nurtures a respectful, professional workplace. We’re working to build a staff that reflects the racial, cultural, and socio-economic diversity of the students we serve. We believe having a staff that authentically reflects our community is crucial to our ability to support student learning. We’re looking for dynamic, culturally responsive educators to teach innovative and inclusive science-focused programs. We embrace a culture of learning, gratitude, joy, and accountability.

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Urban School Program Educators teach set curricula to 3rd-8th grade students both in a classroom setting and in the field regarding stormwater, wastewater, engineering, and how humans interact with the ecosystems they are a part of. Urban School Program Educators are often engaged in partner teaching, collaborating, and problem solving to ensure that school groups receive a high-quality program that attends to their learning needs.

Educators actively participate in program debriefs and assessment. This position is intentionally designed to offer space to grow as an educator through debriefing, scheduled professional development, staff observations, and feedback from a community of educators.

Educator work schedules vary and can be adapted to fit a changing schedule. Internet access is needed to check schedules and communicate with Urban School Programs staff. Access to car desirable but not required.

Responsibilities:

- Provide high quality, culturally responsive instruction for 3rd – 8th grade students
- Collaborate and teach with fellow educators in a small team environment
- Actively participate in professional growth-oriented post-program debrief sessions
Responsibilities: (continued)

- Participate in trainings and staff meetings
- Set-up and clean-up before and after programs
- Provide timely and professional communication with program staff
- Commitment to learning and growing through feedback in an active learning community
- Commitment to support IslandWood’s work towards equity, diversity and inclusion in the workplace

Required Qualifications:

- Minimum 1 year experience teaching elementary and/or middle school youth
- Ability to adapt teaching style to accommodate different audiences, ages, and learning styles
- Experience successfully engaging youth across cultural and racial boundaries
- Confidence managing groups of students in different settings
- Ability to effectively communicate with all audiences in an inclusive and welcoming manner
- Desire to learn and teach about how urban environmental systems and communities intersect
- Ability to respond professionally to a variety of situations that may arise quickly
- Ability to stand and walk on uneven, steep terrain and lift up to 20 pounds
- Maintain a current CPR/First Aid certification while employed
- Must be able to comply with and maintain a drug-free work environment
- Must pass child safety screening procedure; post-offer

Application Requirements:

Please submit a cover letter, resume and two current references or an Application for Employment

By email to: employment@islandwood.org and state “Search for USP Educator” in the subject line
By mail to: IslandWood, Search for USP Educator, 4450 Blakely Ave NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Note: Application forms available in English and Spanish on our website islandwood.org/about-us

Position Posted: 12 June 2019
Application Deadline: Open until filled
Start Date: 23 September 2019
End Date: June 2020

IslandWood provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, marital status, amnesty, or status as a covered veteran in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

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