

2022-2023 AmeriCorps Member Position Description



Partner Organization Name: Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

Corps Member Position Title: Native Plants Program Technician

Supervisor: Gardner Goodall

Days/Hours of Service: Monday-Friday: 9-5

Physical Location: 3801 Canal Street 1000, New Orleans

Organization Mission and/or Goals:

To unite people in action to achieve a thriving, sustainable Louisiana Coast for all.

Program Mission and/ or Goals:

Founded in 2000, CRCL's Native Plants Program (NPP), formerly Habitat Restoration Program leads our efforts to restore Louisiana's coastal habitats by engaging volunteers and stakeholders to be a part of the solution. Our partnerships and events facilitate environmental stewardship by Louisiana industries, land owners, business leaders, residents, and visitors. The NPP provides valuable education experiences for its volunteers. Participants learn about our coastal land loss crisis, its main causes, and the various solutions being implemented across the entire Louisiana coast.

Member Position Summary:

The Native Plants Program Technician will work closely with the Native Plants Program Coordinator to support the planning and preparation of 20-35 volunteer restoration project workdays as well as the monitoring of current and past plantings. Workdays will consist of long hours in the field directing and supervising volunteers of varying experience levels in remote locations across coastal Louisiana. This position will be responsible for coordinating and supervising volunteers to pilot the cypress tree seed starting initiative which will grow cypress trees from seed, to ultimately be planted on volunteer restoration workdays. This position will require a flexible schedule and some work on weekends.

Essential Functions of Position:

- Support Native Plants Program Coordinator in the implementation of 20-35 volunteer restoration project days
- Support the coordination of logistics, equipment, and personnel prior to volunteer events
- Recruit, train, supervise and recognize volunteers
- Support the management and presentation of project data and basic GIS maps for outreach and reporting purposes
- Contribute to developing content for restoration project communications, marketing, and database tracking

Ideal Candidate Qualifications

- Knowledge of basic plant physiology and care
- Able to comfortably navigate through wetland ecosystems in hot, cold, and wet conditions while carrying up to 30 pounds
- Able to work evenings and weekends
- frequent weekend travel is required
- Proficient with Microsoft Office and have a demonstrated ability to learn new software
- Positive, professional, and exhibit a solution-oriented attitude
- Coursework in wetland ecology, general ecology, environmental studies, environmental science, natural resource management, botany or similar fields
- Experience with field work in a coastal environment - Familiarity with Louisiana's coastal land loss issues and coastal restoration/protection projects
- Personal vehicle preferred but not required, ability to bike to CRCL office (3801 Canal Street) and Brown Foundation (320 Metairie-Hammond Hwy STE 500, Metairie, LA 70005)