

2022-2023 AmeriCorps Member Position Description



Partner Organization Name: Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

Corps Member Position Title: Outreach Assistant

Supervisor: Hannah Cohen

Days/Hours of Service: Typically, Mon. – Fri. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; nights and weekends for events

Physical Location: 3801 Canal Street 1000, New Orleans and Remote

Organization Mission and/or Goals:

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

Purpose: To sustain as much of Louisiana’s coast as possible despite climate change and other factors causing land loss.

Vision: Vibrant wetlands, with hurricane protection, bountiful ecosystems, and economic opportunities across Louisiana’s coast.

Program Mission and/ or Goals:

The Outreach and Engagement Program advances CRCL’s mission as an avenue for recruiting support for coastal restoration by explaining plans for ecological restoration and flood protection and facilitating community input into those plans. The program provides communities with information regarding these plans in a non-technical fashion and helps residents of coastal communities voice their needs and issues of concern. The program engages youth across coastal Louisiana in our Future Coastal Leaders high school program and Student Ambassador College program.

Member Position Summary:

The Outreach Assistant will increase CRCL's capacity to engage a greater number of people who live, work, and enjoy life in coastal Louisiana so that they, in turn, may work towards a more secure future. The Outreach Assistant's primary focus will be expanding our youth engagement initiatives. This entails being project lead for our Student Ambassador program and coordinating with the rest of CRCL's Engagement team on our Future Coastal Leaders program. They will also support general outreach and engagement activities and website and social media content creation. Additionally, the outreach assistant will occasionally help with our volunteer events in our Habitat Restoration Program.

In specific ways, the Outreach Assistant will: **Young-Adult Engagement:** Primarily, they will lead our "Student Ambassador" (SA) program. CRCL is developing networks through coastal LA universities and colleges by engaging students who are interested in pursuing a career in an environmental-related field. The Outreach Assistant will guide students through 30 hours of learning and engagement while helping CRCL expand our presence. This includes identifying learning and volunteer opportunities for the students, scheduling regular meetings with the cohort, advising on projects and areas of interest for students to research. Additionally, CRCL has begun a "Future Coastal Leaders" (FCL) program to work with public high school juniors and seniors interested in our coastal environment, targeting (schools, students?) with the least access to these opportunities.

The Outreach Assistant will work closely with CRCL engagement program staff to coordinate this program designed to expose participants to coastal issues and professions through field trips, presentations, and experiential learning. Helping with young-adult engagement can entail evening and weekend work.

Additional Activities:

Support CRCL's events and logistics on an as-needed basis. This will include tabling at various events to spread awareness of issues and CRCL's activities, assisting with volunteer event logistics, and other activities. This may include evening and weekend work and at remote field locations (working with volunteers amongst the wildlife in the wetlands).

Essential Functions of Position:

- Work with coastal residents – specifically, those who are faced with adapting to increasing flood risks and changing environmental conditions impacting their livelihoods - to provide resources that allow them to make better-informed decisions for the future of their families and communities.
- Assist with the development of informational materials to explain the anticipated impacts of climate change and plans for restoration and flood protection.
- Conduct background research on a wide variety of programs, policies, and case studies relevant to strategies for coastal communities facing climate adaptation issues.
- Collaborate with scientists, historians and other professionals to create online content (webinars, videos, and blogposts) focusing on Louisiana's land loss crisis.

- Create images and videos to be used for social media and website purposes focused on Louisiana's many land loss and sea level rise issues and success stories.
- Create content that would be utilized for our Young-Adult Engagement initiatives for high-school and college student engagement.
- Coordinate logistics for experiential learning and other activities for Young-Adult Engagement initiatives.
- Ensuring that each cohort of Student Ambassadors has ample volunteer and experiential learning opportunities to earn their minimum 30 hours of service.
- Assist with content for several of the organization's social media accounts including Facebook,
- Instagram, Twitter and YouTube.
- Assist staff with other CRCL programs including (but not limited to) Habitat Restoration Program events, the State of the Coast conference, the Stewardship Awards Banquet, and tabling.
- Assist with special projects as they arise.

Ideal Candidate Qualifications

- An interest in climate adaptation, coastal environments, climate justice, planning, wetland restoration, flood protection and/or a similarly relevant field.
- Applicants must be able to grasp basic ecological principles and be able to explain them to others.
- Enthusiastic – must have a desire to play a positive role within the community exhibiting the appropriate social and interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated – the applicant must be comfortable working without constant supervision.
- Comfortable working behind a computer screen in an office and out on the coast in the wetlands.
- Good communication skills (both verbal and written).
- Personable and comfortable interacting with the public - spreading awareness of the issues,
- coordinating at events, recruiting participants for engagement initiatives, etc.
- Detail orientated and able to manage time appropriately.

Required Transportation Requirements (ex: own vehicle or able bike to site)

Personal Vehicle