



Universe of Learning Internship – Two positions

Position Summary:

The Christa McAuliffe Center is searching for energetic and enthusiastic FSU undergraduate student interns who would like to be part of the McAuliffe Center STEM education team. Assignments include working with McAuliffe Center staff to develop educational exhibits for the general public on the Life Cycle of Stars and Exoplanets – or planets that orbit around other stars – and Astrobiology. When appropriate interns will assist in the development of an in house produced planetarium program. The ideal candidate(s) would be available Fall '18 and Spring '19 – possibility to continue into Summer '19.

Students who are majoring in all fields of STEM, Education, Arts and Humanities are welcome to apply. The development of science exhibit requires a set of interdisciplinary skills and interests that go beyond just knowledge of STEM content. Commitment to the project, a strong desire to learn and an ability to make connections are important qualities we are especially looking for in any candidate.

Responsibilities:

- Research NASA education assets for integration into McAuliffe Center Programs:
- Combine strong aesthetics with a natural flow of information to create exhibits that effectively tell stories
 - Life Cycle of Start and Exoplanet Exhibit Design
 - Exhibit content research
 - Design exhibit templates that can be distributed to science centers and educational facilities
 - Curate additional educational resources that support exhibits
- Assist in Planetarium Program Development
 - Content research and evaluation
- Assist in Monthly Public Planetarium Programs

Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree in progress - required
- Course work in STEM-related disciplines or science education – required
- Interdisciplinary backgrounds are strongly encouraged
- Demonstrated interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- Strong communication and presentation skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Comfortable working with technology and troubleshooting issues on the fly
- Dynamic, outgoing, and creative personality
- Ability to work with diverse groups, to communicate effectively with both children and adults
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative in the work environment, work successfully both as part of a team and independently

Additional Information:

There are 2 internship positions available. The positions will be on average 6-10 hours a week. The hourly rate is \$13.00.

How To Apply:

- Submit a résumé that includes all related coursework
- Submit a one-page cover letter that addresses the following questions:
Why are you interested in this position?
What skills can you bring to the position?
What do you hope to get out of this experience?
- Submit name and email address for three references. Two of your three references must be Professors with whom you have studied.

Email all application documents – incomplete applications will receive a lower score - to both iporro@framingham.edu and epagliuca@framingham.edu.