



Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve
14 Marina Dr.
Superior, WI 54880

To find out more about the Lake Superior Reserve visit <https://lakesuperiornerr.org/>

Student Employment Opportunity

Position Title: Estuary Educator

Position Description:

The Lake Superior National Estuarine Research Reserve in Superior, WI, seeks a student to assist with community- and school-based learning opportunities about and with the St. Louis River and communities along its shores. Gain professional experience hosting community events and listening, educating, and communicating with people of all ages in schools and an interpretive setting. Learn and apply skills like project management, science interpretation, curriculum development, and teaching.

This job opportunity provides extensive on the job training. No prior education expertise is required but a strong interest in communication, learning, and natural sciences is preferred. The Estuary Educator is supervised, on an education team of 3, and occasionally works independently once comfortable performing routine tasks. Position is open to all majors and to international students.

The Estuary Educator works as a docent in the *Lake Superior Estuarium*—a public exhibit hall that tells stories of the St. Louis River Estuary & Lake Superior. Greet and engage visitors, assist with summer Reserve education efforts like teaching short educational programs for young children, light upkeep of the exhibit spaces, and communicate about projects at the Lake Superior Reserve and upcoming events. The Estuary Educator also supports the Rivers2Lake Education Program that provides year-long, in-depth mentoring in outdoor and place-based learning focused on the Lake Superior Watershed to teachers in regional schools. Rivers2Lake roles include visits to area schools to co-teach lessons and field experiences, assistance with teacher professional development events, curriculum development, and planning or advertising for workshops. All Reserve educators aim to engage respectfully and responsibly with people with diverse identities and experiences, and to create or adapt programming and communications to be inclusive. The Estuary Educator may occasionally support other Reserve programs engaged in water quality monitoring, stewardship, and other duties.

Position details:

- Pay is \$16.00 per hour.
- The position is March 10-December 31, 2025 (with potential for extension and negotiable start date).
- Work hours are 8 hours per week during Spring and Fall semesters. During the school year most of the hours are with the Rivers2Lake program.
- Work hours are 24 hours per week during the Summer. During the summer most hours are in the Estuarium, with some Rivers2Lake or other education program hours.
- Hours are flexible with the student's academic schedule and mostly occur within the Monday – Friday, 8:00-5:00 pm time frame.
- Saturday shifts in the Estuarium can be expected 2-3 times per month in the Summer and up to 1 time per month during Spring and Fall semesters.
- The office and Estuarium are located at 14 Marina Dr. Superior, WI, 1.5 miles from UW-Superior's campus. Transportation from UWS campus can be arranged if needed. Travel to local schools or program sites is provided.

Eligibility:

Must have student status at an accredited academic institution through Fall 2025.

Desired qualifications:

- Successful, respectful communication ability with K-12 students, teachers, and members of the public;
- Knowledgeable and able to work with Microsoft Office software (primarily Word, Excel and Publisher) and Google Suite
- Able to work outside, occasionally on uneven ground or in boats like canoes
- Able to work independently on assigned tasks
- Reliable work ethic and ability to problem solve.
- Employment will require a criminal background check.

Applications:

Email Luciana.Ranelli@wisc.edu for instructions to apply online. **Applications close on Monday, February 10** so be sure to write for instructions before then.

Application materials include:

- Your resume
- Proof of student status (letter from home institution, copy or image of current registration and course schedule, current tuition payment receipt, unofficial transcript...)
- Written responses to the following questions in sentences and/or 1-2 paragraphs:
 - Why are you interested in the Estuary Educator position?
 - Which of your experiences (work, academic, study, life, extracurricular...) feel especially relevant to this position? Why?
 - What do you hope to learn or practice in this position?

Application notes:

- For tips on developing a resume or cover letter, check out: <https://successworks.wisc.edu/resume-and-cover-letters/#guides>
- Please contact Luciana Ranelli, the Education Coordinator, with any questions via phone at 715-399-4085 or email at luciana.ranelli@wisc.edu.
- Please also contact Luciana if you need any accommodations to apply for this job.