

# WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

## Science Outreach Educator

The Wagner Free Institute of Science is a National Landmark, natural history museum and educational institution that fosters science literacy through free programs. Founded in 1855, the Wagner serves 36,000+ people each year through its museum, library and extensive educational programs. The Wagner seeks a Science Outreach Educator to engage and educate children and families in the Wagner's community.

The Science Outreach Educator will work within the Children's Education Department to develop and implement educational initiatives for children in North Philadelphia including intensive hands-on science GeoKids program at local elementary schools, and science lessons at schools, libraries and community centers. GeoKids is a yearlong school day program, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year, which relies on collaborative relationships with teachers, university partners and organizations across the city to create and deliver a hands-on science curriculum. The program takes place primarily within school classrooms and includes out-of-school field experiences, designed and facilitated by Wagner educators. The Wagner's outreach programs require a skilled educator with a deep understanding of science and science pedagogy. As an outreach educator, the right candidate will cultivate community relationships to deepen community engagement with the museum's resources.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Lead and teach classes in elementary school science program GeoKids (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grades)
- Participate in delivering, developing, evaluating and refining museum education programming
- Collaborate with local peer organizations to plan and deliver outreach programs
- Serve as a mentor and partner for Children's Education interns
- Promote and distribute program offerings to the community and other audiences
- Represent museum in community and citywide outreach events
- Assist with Institute special events and visitor services
- Other duties as assigned

### **Desired Qualifications (not all are required):**

- Minimum three years teaching experience required, teaching K-8 students in a school setting preferred
- Bachelor's degree in science, education or other relevant field required
- Experience, connection and/or work within the community where Wagner is located greatly valued
- Familiarity with national, state, and local standards at the K-8 level
- Must work well with the public, possess excellent public speaking skills, and demonstrate interest and/or experience in museums, natural science and collections
- Detail-oriented with excellent organizational and written communication skills
- Outstanding time management skills, ability to manage multiple tasks and efficient working style
- Ability to work collaboratively, independently, creatively and to take initiative

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- Growth mindset approach to work
- Interpersonal skills that foster a collaborative working environment
- Strong computer and software application skills
- Criminal background checks required
- COVID-19 vaccination required
- Personal transportation required
- Availability to work evenings and Saturdays

### **Physical Requirements:**

- Ability to manage physical demands of an elementary school classroom and an historic facility, which includes two flights of stairs

**Salary:** \$31-36,000 salary commensurate with experience, generous benefits package

**Hours:** Full time, exempt

### **To Apply:**

Please email a cover letter and resume assembled and attach into a single pdf to Holly Clark, Director of Children's Education, [clark@wagnerfreeinstitute.org](mailto:clark@wagnerfreeinstitute.org) Please no phone calls.

Please label the pdf as LAST NAME, FIRST NAME\_RESUME.PDF

Subject line of the email: Science Outreach Educator Applicant-Last Name, First Name

The interview process may include a phone interview, an initial virtual interview, a second interview with several staff members, and a competency assignment.

The Wagner Free Institute of Science is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse and inclusive work environment. We especially encourage members of historically underrepresented communities to apply. We also welcome candidates returning to the workforce and candidates with military experience or veterans.