



Graduate Student Archaeology Education Assistant – Contract/Temporary

Description:

The Ridge Macon County Archaeology Project (TRMCAP) is housed in an Interpretive Center located at 10735 County Road 10, Union Springs, Alabama in the Warrior Stand community of Macon County, Alabama about twelve miles south of Tuskegee. TRMCAP pays homage to a cluster of historic rural communities located along a ridge line in southeast Macon County, Alabama where Native Americans created a trading path long ago. The path became a segment of The Federal Road, the main route for pioneer emigration to the Old Southwest during the great "Alabama Fever" land rush. Our mission is to provide classroom resources and educational programs and events about our region's historical and cultural significance for the benefit of students, teachers, the local community, and visitors of all ages. To learn more visit <https://www.digtheridge.com>

We are seeking a graduate student at the masters or Ph.D. level to create, develop, and present engaging field trip programs on archaeology and local history for fourth graders and a general public audience. The position will provide an excellent opportunity to hone broad-field knowledge, expertise, and interaction in a public history setting within a descendant community that has a rich and diverse heritage, to facilitate historic preservation in an underserved community, and to facilitate the mission and vision of TRMCAP.

The position reports to the Executive Director and will begin on June 1, 2022, and end on November 30, 2022. Contract amount is \$10,000.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Research and design local and state curriculum-based archaeological programming and lesson plans for Macon County School District fourth grade school groups and the general public, provide co-instruction for a summer 2022 teacher professional development session, and teach curriculum-based field trip classes for fourth grade students.
- Support the promotion of TRMCAP through the development and delivery of outreach programs, contributing social media content, and occasionally representing TRMCAP at external meetings and events.
- Work with the Executive Director to coordinate field trips and the public to include assisting with set-up/breakdown, completing internal reports, and instructing volunteers.
- Work cooperatively with Executive Director to cultivate relationships with area educators, nonprofits, and other community organizations.

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least 21 years of age.
- References and a valid state-issued driver's license required.
- Enrolled in a masters or Ph.D. program in archaeology or a program in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology.
- Experience with researching, developing, and conducting curriculum-based classes/tours/programs.
- Specialized knowledge and experience including field work, lab work, and research methodologies, coursework, and training in the fields of history, public history, American studies, anthropology, and historic preservation, and experience in museum educational programming and historical interpretation preferred.
- Must be comfortable with public speaking and working with students, adults, and diverse audiences. Must be able to provide excellent customer service when working with a diverse public, staff, and volunteers. Must be able to communicate with supervisors, colleagues, customers, and key stakeholders in a professional, positive, and proactive manner verbally and in writing.
- Candidates should be proactive, attentive to detail, and customer oriented.
- First Aid, CPR and AED certification training a plus.
- Training will be provided on relevant historical and facility information.
- This contract/temporary position does not qualify for benefits.

Work Conditions:

- Ability to collaborate with Executive Director to develop a list of deliverables, timeline, and deadlines.
- Ability to work and attend meetings remotely during the day or evenings for research, development, and design activities, and on site to conduct daytime field trip classes.
- Ability to work onsite/in person with staff, volunteers, and the public and move between the Interpretive Center and outdoor learning stations.
- Ability to work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions.
- Ability to lift and carry boxes weighing up 40 lbs.
- Frequent use of multiple technical equipment and software applications.
- Ability to provide regular transportation the site.

Letter of Interest:

- For consideration, must submit letter of interest outlining qualifications and experience.
- Letter of interest must be submitted by email attachment by 5:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time on Friday, May 13, 2022 to:

Shari L. Williams, Ph.D., Executive Director
contact@digtheridge.com

Questions?

- Contact Dr. Williams at 770-843-1913.