



Position Title: Land Labs Education Coordinator VISTA
Organization: Great Peninsula Conservancy
Program: Great Peninsula Conservancy Land Labs
Service Location: Bremerton, Washington
Timeline for Service: February 16th, 2021 – February 16th, 2022

Teaser

Great Peninsula Conservancy seeks an environmental educator with creative vision. Inspire the next generation of STEM professionals by connecting youth with Puget Sound's wild lands and waters!

Program Description:

The Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) Land Labs program will utilize local protected lands to enhance the quality of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education in Bremerton, Washington schools. Hands-on science projects will support the vision of the Washington State Environmental and Sustainability Literacy Plan and meet the requirements of Washington State Science and Learning Standards (WSSLS). The program will engage students directly in big picture environmental concerns affecting their local communities, and open students' eyes to professional opportunities in the environmental science field. The Land Labs program will help prepare students from low-income families and underachieving schools for success in post-secondary education and careers in STEM.

Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit land trust dedicated to protecting the natural habitats, rural landscapes, and open spaces of the Great Peninsula region of west Puget Sound, Washington.

Member Duties:

The Land Labs Education Coordinator VISTA will play an integral role in the design and development of the Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) Land Labs program. The Education Coordinator VISTA will foster relationships with participating schools, community members and stakeholders; write standards-based curriculum; train teachers; and ground truth the program. In addition, they will be part of the team developing the organizational capacity of GPC.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Build relationships with local schools and community partners;
- Manage Land Labs program logistics and scheduling;
- Design Land Labs curriculum that aligns with Washington State Science Learning Standards;
- Ground truth teacher training workshops;
- Collaborate with a diverse team;
- Develop, maintain, and expand the Land Labs program.

Qualifications:

- Passion for Great Peninsula Conservancy's mission and vision;
- Bachelor's degree in education, environmental science, or a related field;
- Strong writing skills;

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- Strong communication skills;
- Strong organizational skills;
- High degree of initiative and spirit of service;
- Preferred: strong understanding of education standards and curriculum development;
- Preferred: experience teaching in formal or informal settings;
- Preferred: experience working at or managing summer camp programs.

AmeriCorps VISTA:

This Great Peninsula Conservancy (GPC) VISTA position is funded by the Corporations for National and Community Service and will serve within the AmeriCorps VISTA program. AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Each VISTA member makes a year-long, full-time commitment to serve on a specific project at a nonprofit organization or public agency. To learn more about the AmeriCorps programs visit americorps.gov.

Compensation:

In return for their service, AmeriCorps VISTA members receive a modest living allowance of \$1,178/month, health benefits during their service, and have the option of receiving an AmeriCorps Education Award of \$6,195 or post-service stipend of \$1,800 after completing their service. A relocation travel and settling-in allowance may also apply if they are moving.

To Apply:

Send a cover letter and resume to Claire Voris (claire@greatpeninsula.org). Applications are also accepted through [AmeriCorps.gov](http://Americorps.gov). Deadline for applications is January 1, 2021. For more information, visit Great Peninsula Conservancy's website (greatpeninsula.org).