



University
of Virginia

We are hiring an:
Environmental Educator

to work with our preK-12 Education and Scientific Engagement Programs

Position Summary. The University of Virginia's Blandy Experimental Farm seeks a full-time Environmental Educator to work with both our preK-12 Education and general public programs. Blandy Experimental Farm is a 700-acre University of Virginia ecological field station located in the northern Shenandoah Valley, about 10 miles east of Winchester and 60 miles west of Washington, D.C. Our mission is to increase understanding of the natural environment through research and education. The State Arboretum of Virginia, located within Blandy Experimental Farm, is a public garden displaying more than 5500 trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants in a diversity of habitats including woodlands, meadows, wetlands, and open fields.



This Environmental Educator position is shared between two sectors of Blandy's community outreach, preK-12 Education and Scientific Engagement, performing multiple functions within each outreach program. The preK-12 Education team includes the Director of Education, the Lead Environmental Educator, and two Environmental Educators (including this position). The Scientific Engagement team consists of the Director of Scientific Engagement, the Environmental Educator (this position), and three Weekend Visitor Services Aides. A willingness to learn and work collaboratively is essential.

Duties within the Department of preK-12 Education (primarily Spring and Fall)

- ◆ Serve as an essential instructor for our diverse population of approximately 6500 students from 70 to 80 schools (urban, rural, suburban) representing about 16 different public school divisions as well as private and home schools who participate in our preK-12 environmental education programs each year.
- ◆ Assist with annual program review and revisions; especially collaborating with other EE team members to adapt existing education resources to better serve diverse audiences
- ◆ Collaborate with members of the Education Team to brainstorm, create, test, and revise education programs
- ◆ Help plan and serve as an instructor in professional development programs enhancing the science knowledge and teaching skills of 400 to 600 preK-12 educators annually.



Duties within the Department of Scientific Engagement (primarily Winter and Summer)

- ◆ Collaborate with the Director of Scientific Engagement to create and plan youth summer camp programs.
 - ◆ Serve as the Team Leader for summer camp staff and volunteers.
 - ◆ Assist Director of Scientific Engagement in developing and leading science outreach programs for all ages (youth, families, adults).
 - ◆ Support the Director of Scientific Engagement in developing engaging outreach materials using multiple modes of communication (e.g., posters, presentations, interpretive signs, web pages, infographics, brochures) tailored to a wide range of audiences.
 - ◆ Collaborate with the Director of Scientific Engagement to adapt programming for diverse audiences.
- In addition to the above job responsibilities, other duties may be assigned.



Apply through [Workday](#) and search for Environmental Educator. Complete an application online and attach:

- ◆ A cover letter/letter of interest summarizing your qualifications & describing why you want to work for Blandy Experimental Farm's Education & Scientific Engagement Programs
- ◆ Your current resume or curriculum vitae, and contact information for three professional references (name, email address, and telephone number)
- ◆ A portfolio with examples of your environmental education work with preK-12 students & teachers, out-of-school programs, and adult natural history programs (digital portfolio link preferred)

Questions? For questions about this position contact Candace Lutzow-Felling, cjl6b@virginia.edu.

For questions about the application process or about employment with the University of Virginia, please contact Rich Haverstrom, Faculty Search Advisor, at rkh6j@virginia.edu

The University of Virginia, including the UVA Health System which represents the UVA Medical Center, Schools of Medicine and Nursing, UVA Physician's Group and the Claude Moore Health Sciences Library, are fundamentally committed to the diversity of our faculty and staff. We believe diversity is excellence expressing itself through every person's perspectives and lived experiences. We are equal opportunity and affirmative action employers. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, and family medical or genetic information.