Teaching at Urban Scholars

Job Description

The Urban Scholars Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston is a year-round program featuring 2 twelve-week semesters of rigorous, college-preparatory after-school classes, advising, college and cultural trips, tutoring, supervised study, and a full-time seven-week summer institute that runs from late June through mid-August. We aim to prepare our scholars for college admission and to equip them with the skills necessary to succeed at the collegiate level.

We serve academically gifted, low-income and/or first-generation college-bound Boston Public School students in grades 9-12. A 3.0 GPA, teacher recommendations, and an interview are required for admission.

We are currently seeking a number of instructors for our seven-week summer semester with preference for the following subject areas. However, all proposals will be duly considered:

- Lab sciences—Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- STEM subjects
- Critical Thinking—Debate, Model UN, Media Studies, Critical Literacy
- Public Speaking, Writing, and Research
- Languages—Latin, Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish, French, American Sign Language
- Health Sciences
- Environmental Sciences

The Urban Scholars community believes that education is at the core of a successful, enriching life. We offer gifted and talented students a comfortable environment promoting experiential learning and educational exploration. In an effort to create excitement and life-long interest in learning, our courses are hands-on and engaging while maintaining the rigor and skill-building necessary of a college-preparation program. We seek to fascinate, puzzle, challenge, and support our students to take risks, collaborate, and problem-solve in meaningful ways that preview college and career work.

Instructors are supported by the Associate Director and often find opportunities for professional growth and development through their experience at Urban Scholars.

Instructor Responsibilities

1. Teach at least 1 course 5 days a week. Classes run about 75 minutes.
2. Develop and teach a project-based learning course curriculum to high school students.
3. Participate in weekly teacher meetings.
4. Conduct one-on-one conferences with students twice throughout the term.
5. Complete mid-term and final evaluations of students and a final course summary.
6. Submit weekly lesson plans aligned to program learning goals and rigorous objectives.
7. Attend orientation and trainings

Qualifications
1. Bachelor’s degree in a relevant field, master’s degree preferred.
2. Teaching experience, preferably with urban youth.
3. Ability to manage a dynamic learning environment where students are engage, supported, and assessed.
4. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement curricula.
5. Knowledge of and ability to manage classroom behavior with clear objectives, expectations, and engaging activities.

How to apply

Please send a resume and cover letter to Jeff Foulkes, Associate Director at urbanscholars@umb.edu

Location

UMass Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA. 021215

Start date

Dependent on the semester but in general:

   Fall: late September through December
   Spring: late January through May
   Summer: late June through mid-August

Salary range (annual U.S. $)

2,000-2,500 per course (up to 3 possible). Commensurate with subject and experience

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