



Penn State University
Shaver's Creek Environmental Center
Graduate Assistant (GA) Position Description
Environmental Education

DESCRIPTION

This graduate assistantship with Shaver's Creek Environmental Center is a quarter-time position with tuition waiver and stipend. The GA will work closely with the Environmental Education (EE) program director to gain experience in, and contribute to, teaching, outreach, and research. The position start date is approximately one week prior to start of fall semester and concludes one week after the end of spring semester.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Acceptance and enrollment in a Penn State graduate program
- A strong interest in environmental education/environmental interpretation programming
- Teaching experience (formal and/or nonformal)
- Graduate research work focused on any aspect of environmental education, environmental interpretation, environmental literacy, or education for sustainability

RESPONSIBILITIES (approximately 10 hours per week)

- GA will assist with classes taught by the program director, including, but not limited to: RPTM 430—EE Methods and Materials, SciEd 455—Field Natural History for Teachers, RPTM 497F—National Curricular Workshops, and RPTM 597D—Worldview, Sustainability, and EE.
- GA will assist with and/or lead EE outreach programs and public education, including teacher in-service, national EE curricula workshops (i.e., Project WILD), and local school district EE programming.
- GA will assist with and/or pursue environmental education research, the scope of which will be negotiated based on student interests, current research grants, and the student's formal graduate committee.
- GA will perform occasional duties related to the operation of Shaver's Creek, including participation in weekly staff meetings and weekend staffing of visitor center services (approximately two days per semester), annual festivals, and center-wide events (e.g., Maple Harvest Festival, Birding Cup/Native Plant Celebration and Sale).
- GA will have the opportunity to participate in other professional duties associated with the operation of Shaver's Creek, including, but not limited to: intern training, strategic planning, academic committee operation, calendar planning, and presentations at professional meetings and/or conferences.

BENEFITS/COMPENSATION

This position carries a full tuition waiver for fall and spring semesters and a monthly stipend to be determined based on available funding and student qualifications.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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