



Employment Opportunity: Field Instructor

Turn Your Love of the Coast into a Meaningful Job!

New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJS GC), a non-profit organization based at beautiful Sandy Hook, is seeking enthusiastic **part-time seasonal Field Instructors** to join our K–12 Education and Scout Programs. If you're passionate about the ocean, the outdoors, and inspiring young minds, this is your chance to make a difference while working in one of New Jersey's most unique natural settings.

As a Field Instructor, you'll lead visiting groups through hands-on, engaging ocean science experiences. Programs may include outdoor experiential learning such as seining to learn about species diversity, interactive games, scientific demonstrations, and laboratory experiments -- all designed to spark curiosity and foster a lifelong appreciation for environmental science.

You'll work alongside a welcoming team of educators who appreciate coastal resources, value collaboration, and enjoy sharing their knowledge. This role offers invaluable hands-on experience in education and environmental science, set within the stunning "outdoor classroom" of Gateway National Recreation Area's Sandy Hook Unit in Monmouth County.

What You'll Do

- Lead and engage students and/or scouts in outdoor learning activities in estuary and ocean beach environments
- Facilitate occasional indoor classroom and laboratory-based lessons
- Create a fun, safe, and educational experience for diverse groups

Who Should Apply

This position is ideal for individuals interested in ocean sciences, environmental education, or teaching, or anyone who simply enjoys working outdoors with students. No prior experience is required. A background in environmental science, education, or familiarity with Sandy Hook is a plus.

Training & Schedule

NJS GC provides paid training, including orientation to the outdoor classroom, local flora and fauna identification, and the history of Fort Hancock. Education programs take place

Mondays through Fridays during the months of April – November, and weekend availability is welcome. Hourly pay: \$18 per hour for this part-time seasonal opportunity.

Experience & Requirements

Interested candidates should be 18 years or older. [Click here to apply](#) by March 15, 2026. Be sure to have your resume with cover letter ready to upload, as well as 3 references to include on the application.

Join us and help inspire the next generation of environmental stewards right here at the Jersey Shore!

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New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium is committed to providing an inclusive, respectful, and equitable workplace. We welcome and encourage applications from individuals of all backgrounds and identities, and we are dedicated to equal opportunity in all aspects of employment.

New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium is an affiliation of colleges, universities, and other groups dedicated to advancing knowledge and stewardship of the Garden State's marine and coastal environment. Our mission is to promote the wise use of New Jersey's marine and coastal resources through innovative research, education, and outreach programs. Please visit us on our [website](#) to learn more.