



**Freelance Education Positions (multiple)
Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art**

The Rhode Island Museum of Science and Art (RIMOSA) is recruiting passionate, committed individuals as Freelance Educators to merge art with the traditional STEM disciplines – and vice versa - as well as conducting lessons in the more inquiry-based, hands-on, open-ended manner which studies indicate are more conducive to learning, and to learning enjoyment.

A background in art or science is not required, simply a curious mind is needed. Educators will be trained in RIMOSA programs and teaching techniques. We follow the Student Teacher technique of having new Educators observe, assist, and – when ready - lead existing RIMOSA programs. Educators will gain valuable experience in STEM to STEAM education.

Philosophy: *Curiosity, creativity and confidence* drive the experimentation of both artists and scientists. These are the qualities that need to be encouraged and fostered in ourselves and our children, so that there will be innovators – in art or science or both – in coming generations.

Workload: Educators work on a freelance/ Independent Contractor basis. Educators will be offered the opportunity to teach or “second” (observe/assist) programs as they become available. These programs may be a single hour on a specific day, or more regularly scheduled – one or more times a week for four, six, eight or more weeks. Educators accept assignments depending on their own schedules and interests.

Educators might work up to eight hours a week, but generally the workload is closer to one to three hours, one to two days per week. **Hours between 2:30 - 5:30 are particularly in demand.**

Covid safety: RIMOSA takes COVID protocols very seriously. No educator is ever required to do in-person programming. Many programs are kit-based distance learning programs, but opportunities are increasing for Educators looking to do in-person programs (all participants fully masked). Let us know your preference!

Compensation: Educators are paid \$20/program hour for sitting in and observing programs as “seconds” while they are in training. As fully trained “primaries, Educators are paid \$40/program hour. Setup/cleanup and driving time (whether for online or in person classes) is not paid.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Must have some background, and enjoy, working with youth ages eight to 15
- Must have (or be able to get) a BCI form confirming having passed a criminal background check
- Must be creative, and passionate about the arts and sciences
- Must be responsible, flexible, and able to think on your feet
- Must have access to car to get to in-museum and offsite courses, meetings and outreaches
- Must have access to computer with camera and microphone and clean, quiet space to use for Zoom lessons if you wish to do online classes. (Some loaner computers are available)
- Must be able to lift objects approximately 20 to 30 pounds

Send resume and cover letter to info@rimosa.org