



Vacancy Announcement

Research Assistant Professor

Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program (MAP) Agent / UAF Interior Aleutian Campus (IAC) Coordinator - Unalaska

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This is a term-funded (9-month with potential for extension) faculty position that provides marine extension services and coordinates University of Alaska Fairbanks educational services to the Aleutian & Pribilof Island communities. The position is a joint appointment between the University of Alaska Fairbanks Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory Program and the Interior Aleutians Campus. The position is headquartered in Unalaska, Alaska.

The Marine Advisory Program (MAP) is a statewide network of specialists and agents who provide informal education, information and technical assistance to the public relating to: commercial, subsistence or sport fisheries issues, coastal economic development (such as seafood processing, tourism or marine business management), commercial fisheries development, community-based science and environmental monitoring, resource management, marine conservation, and marine resource education. The Interior Aleutians Campus (IAC) serves the Aleutian & Pribilof Island region with a focus on workforce development, career and technical education, academic preparation for college and higher education opportunities at UAF. IAC offers UAF classes, community workshops, local courses as well as dual credit for high school students, special topic courses and distance educational opportunities.

Unalaska's population of approximately 4,700 is culturally and linguistically diverse and includes Caucasian, Asian, African and Hispanic, and Alaska Native populations; villages in the region are predominately Alaska Native. Located just 50 miles from the Great Circle route, Unalaska is 800 miles southwest of Anchorage in the heart of the healthy and robust North Pacific/Bering Sea fisheries. For the last 30 years, Unalaska's economy has been based primarily on seafood harvest and processing, fleet services and marine transportation. The rural villages rely largely on commercial fishing and subsistence harvest. The Ounalashka and Aleut Corporations, Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc., Qawalangin Tribe, Aleutian Pribilof Island Community Development Association, Central Bering Sea Fishermen's Association, seafood processing companies, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries are among several regional entities that would be key community partners for the Unalaska agent/coordinator.

The salary range for this position is DOE and reflects a geographical differential adjustment for location. This position includes benefits.

Responsibilities: The successful candidate will conduct a productive Alaska Sea Grant Marine Advisory extension program targeting the Aleutian Island communities and fulfill the center

coordinator role with Interior Aleutian Campus. The duties are not mutually exclusive and responsibilities will overlap.

The agent/coordinator will assess the education/information needs of the region with attention to its marine users who include fishermen, subsistence users, seafood workers and other mariners, local agencies and organizations, adults and youth. The agent/coordinator will identify and prioritize educational/informational needs of these users by building effective partnerships with local groups. The agent/coordinator will design, coordinate, deliver and evaluate educational programs based on these priorities. Activities may include: providing information to the community about regional marine science, organizing community monitoring activities, coordinating response to marine related hazards, delivering marine safety training and other technical training, recruiting UAF students, participating in local research, supporting UAF and federal researchers in the region, supporting K-12 educational activities, and creating educational forums for researchers and community to interact. Promoting sustainable use and management of fisheries and other marine resources and strengthening the long-term health and vitality of the coastal economy are important goals of this position.

The successful candidate will coordinate university educational services on a local and regional level; plan, organize and direct local courses and workshops, intensives and events, and provide logistics support and coordination for IAC programs. The agent/coordinator will also act as student advisor, providing a wide array of student support services including recruitment, academic advising, financial aid advisement, and outreach. The agent/coordinator will work with IAC student services to register students, provide students with information concerning admission procedures and policies, assist students in making academic and financial aid appeals, interpret and apply policies and procedures, and respond to misconduct or behavioral problems. The agent/coordinator will work to develop and maintain educational partnerships in the region. The agent/coordinator will work closely with the IAC Campus Director on all campus plans and is responsible for facility oversight, including overseeing maintenance, repair, renovations, and facility scheduling for university and community classes and programs.

The work requires the transfer of technical information to regional residents in a culturally appropriate manner via print, electronic media (video, radio, internet), and in-person appearances. The agent/coordinator will participate as a team member in Alaska Sea Grant and UAF Interior Aleutians Campus in program planning and reporting. When possible, responding to special requests for assistance from other units of the University will be expected. The position includes travel within and out of Alaska, including travel by small aircraft to rural sites.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Required: A Master's degree or higher in biology, fisheries, marine science, or related field. Evidence of one-year experience in these fields is required. Evidence of communication skills is required.

Preferred: A minimum of three years experience in related field is preferred, as is one-year experience in student services in higher education. Experience in cross-cultural environments, as well as training and experience in such areas as commercial fisheries, economic development, marine biology, watershed management, environmental monitoring, marine education, and communications is preferred. Evidence of ability to work independently and be self-directed, as well as to work collaboratively with diverse groups. Evidence of ability to translate information to the public in culturally appropriate ways using a variety of media.

CONTACT: To apply please go to <https://www.uakjobs.com> and click on **posting 452116**. You will be asked to attach:

1. Statement of Interest.
2. Curriculum vitae or resume
3. Three references (reference information must include: name, address, phone number and email address of each reference).
4. One example of a written work product – report/publication etc.

If you need assistance with UAKJOBS process, please contact UAF Human Resources at 907-474-7000.

CLOSING DATE: Open until filled. First review of applications will be August 1, 2014

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