



## **Junior Center of Art and Science**

### **Seeking Teaching Artists and Science Educators**

#### **Position: Part-time teaching staff**

#### **Position Overview**

The Junior Center of Art and Science encourages children's natural wonder and innovation through creative exploration.

Located in the heart of Oakland on the shores of Lake Merritt, the Center is dedicated to delivering programs to the communities of Oakland that support the development of young people who value the arts and sciences within the community. We do so through our interactive learning spaces and through hands-on, exploratory programs including exhibitions, workshops, and classes.

Our programs take place at the Junior Center, in community spaces, and at school sites throughout Oakland and the greater East Bay.

Our community of teaching staff are an essential part of the Junior Center's team. Teaching staff are responsible for teaching arts, science, and arts/science-integrated curriculum to students from ages 1 - 17 years old through our youth, family, and community programs. Our programs take place at the Junior Center, in community venues, and at school sites throughout Oakland and the East Bay.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities**

- Teach classes to youth at the Junior Center site in Lake Merritt and/or at school sites
  - Design and implement course curriculum with specific attention to developing socially relevant projects
- If hired, instructors are required to write a 8 - 9 week curriculum including lesson goals, skills learned, class activities, materials needed, and themes/ ideas explored using the JCAS template.*
- Provide guidance and support to students as needed
  - Maintain a safe, professional and supportive learning environment for all students
  - Arrive prepared and on time for class
  - Leave storage spaces and studios clean and tidy after class
  - Work collaboratively with the Program Director, administrative staff, and fellow instructors to design and implement program content
  - Attend all teaching artist planning meetings and safety training sessions

#### **Desired Qualifications**

- Bachelor's degree (major in the visuals arts or sciences preferred) Experience designing and implementing developmentally-based curricula
- Teaching experience in a classroom or community setting –knowledge of classroom

management, common core and/or VAPA/NGSS a plus

- Strong interest in working in a community setting
- Interest in/ability to engage, inspire and challenge youth through the visual arts and/or sciences
- An active art or science practice
- Ability to work well in a collaborative/team setting
- Experience working with a diversity of student populations
- Emotional intelligence: ability to provide compassionate feedback to students and their parents
- Strong people skills and the ability to work well with children, classroom teachers, families, co-workers, and volunteers
- Strong oral and written communication skills; strong interpersonal skills; ability to facilitate group decision-making; ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously; strong attention to detail.
- Experience working collaboratively
- Able to communicate clearly and efficiently with a variety of audiences
- A strong desire for continued learning/growth in one's teaching practice
- If working with minors, must pass a post-employment criminal background check

### **Physical Demands and Work Environment**

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made.

- Must be able to regularly lift up to 25lbs. and climb an 8 ft ladder.
- Must be able to sit and stand for long durations of time.
- Must have regular access to reliable transportation.  
For example, own a working, reliable vehicle and hold a current, valid CA driver's license or have regular access to public transportation.

Schedule: Part-time, casual, irregular employees

Pay Rate: \$23.00 to \$25.00 per hour DOE

NO CALLS PLEASE.

### **Send Resume & Cover Letter to:**

RE: Teaching Position  
Junior Center of Art and Science  
558 Bellevue Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94610  
contact@juniorcenter.org

The Junior Center of Art and Science (JCAS) is an independent, non-profit organization which has been providing educational programs to children and teens for over 50 years. JCAS serves over 25,000 children annually through school outreach programs, after school and summer

courses, and a variety of drop-in art and science activities for children and their families.

Multilingual, people of color, and LGBTQIA encouraged to apply.

To learn more, visit the Center's web site at [www.juniorcenter.org](http://www.juniorcenter.org)

The Junior Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer, drug free workplace, and complies with ADA regulations as applicable.