

Education and Outreach Coordinator
Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Project
Full-time Academic Specialist (2 years; continuing dependent on funding)
Available Immediately

We seek an Education and Outreach Coordinator who will develop and lead educational and outreach programs for the Long-term Ecological Research (LTER) project (www.lter.kbs.msu.edu) at the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS). This is an annual year (12 month) academic specialist appointment with competitive salary and benefits. This position is initially fixed-term (2 year), but is expected to convert to a continuing academic specialist appointment with evidence of success and renewed funding of the KBS LTER.

Responsibilities

The position will focus on disseminating knowledge generated by LTER research on the ecology and sustainability of row-crop production systems in the larger agricultural landscape. Programming will target a variety of audiences, including Extension Educators, K-12 teachers, agricultural producers, undergraduates, and the general public. Primary duties include the development and delivery of educational and outreach programs (workshops, bulletins, fact sheets, curriculum, teaching aids, etc.) The successful applicant will work closely with MSU faculty and staff involved in existing education/outreach activities at KBS, particularly the Assistant Director for Education and Outreach and Land and Water unit staff. The applicant will develop, lead, and coordinate programs for graduate students and undergraduate interns/researchers working on the LTER and related programs in sustainable agriculture at KBS. The applicant will be expected to participate in KBS, MSU and national LTER education and outreach committees.

The successful applicant will report to the KBS LTER Director and work closely with the KBS LTER Education and Outreach Committee. Salary and benefits are highly competitive, commensurate with prior experience. The position is based at the W.K. Kellogg Biological Station in Hickory Corners, MI (www.kbs.msu.edu).

Qualifications

M.Sc. required, (Ph.D. preferred) in ecology, agronomy, science or environmental education, natural resources, or a related field. Previous experience in an educational or outreach position, including university extension, with an agronomy/ecological/natural resource focus is desired, with evidence for meeting goals, developing and leading educational programs, and participation in grant writing activities. This position requires strong communication skills (speaking, writing, web-design), excellent organizational abilities, creativity, and an ability to build relationships with academic and community partners. For further information contact co-chairs Kay Gross (LTEREducation@kbs.msu.edu) or Tom Schmidt (tschmidt@msu.edu).

Applications should be submitted as a single Adobe Acrobat pdf or Word file (please include your last name in the filename) to LTEREducation@kbs.msu.edu and include (1) a statement of interest, relevant skills, and work experiences; (2) a CV; (3) two writing samples (publications, grants or related materials) and (4) names and contact information for three professional references. Michigan State University is an Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer. The position is available immediately. Review of applications will begin August 1, 2008 and continue until the position is filled.

Position Responsibilities:

Teaching 10%

Administration 20%

Outreach Service 70%

Description of Duties

- 60% Initiate and provide leadership for education and outreach activities and programs affiliated with the KBS LTER project to Extension Educators, K-12 teachers, producers, undergraduates, and the general public - see language above.
- 20% PI for proposals to enhance educational and outreach programs for the LTER and related projects in sustainable agriculture at KBS.
- 10% Develop, lead, and coordinate programs for graduate students and undergraduate interns/researchers working on the LTER and related programs in sustainable agriculture at KBS.
- 10% Participation in KBS, MSU and national LTER education and outreach committees.