



Island School

Teaching Fellowship Program

The Island School's Teaching Fellowship Program is an opportunity for recent college graduates who are interested in pursuing a career in education. It is an ideal way for future teachers to immerse themselves in all aspects of boarding school life, while receiving the support and training necessary to be successful as educators. As a member of our community, teaching fellows will experience the day-to-day challenges of living on an island while also discovering the rewards of working with young people and other educators who share a similar dedication to academic rigor, environmental issues, and local culture.

Position Description

Teaching fellows will teach one or two class sections of 13 students, act as a student advisor to 3-4 students, perform the responsibilities of a faculty member on residential duty, and generally participate in all aspects of Island School life. Fellows will also meet with Island School faculty mentors to discuss pedagogy—place-based learning; experiential education; progressive methods of instruction; etc.—at the heart of The Island School's curriculum. The Teaching Fellowship Program seeks to provide future educators with the practical knowledge and experience to be confident and effective in any educational environment.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, we are admitting Fellows in **Literature and Writing**, **Histories**, and **Applied Mathematics**.

Responsibilities

- Teach one or two class sections in her/his area of expertise;
- Participation in all aspects of The Island School program including duty, student advisory, and morning exercise;
- Attendance weekly faculty and community meetings;
- Participation in a regular fellows seminar exploring educational theory and practice;
- Attendance of important school events and most school meals;
- Participation in new faculty orientation, semester prep, and semester debrief.

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Benefits

- Regular meetings with a designated mentor who provides positive and constructive feedback regarding your development;
- Periodic opportunities to develop and deliver lesson plans, assessments, and/or full units of study;
- Opportunity for SCUBA certification and diving;
- Sea kayaking expeditions for qualified candidates;
- Living on a green campus;
- Invaluable experience and instruction in the craft of teaching;
- Stipend

Living on Eleuthera

In order to make each semester successful, we look for energetic people with highly developed organizational and improvisational skills, a willingness to stretch beyond their job descriptions, and the ability to take care of themselves in an island environment lacking the traditional "big city" comforts. There are no hospitals on the island. However, there is a doctor who serves South Eleuthera and a number of nurses that operate clinics in every settlement. For emergencies, The Island School has a well-tested medical evacuation protocol that can deliver patients to a hospital in Nassau or South Florida.

South Eleuthera is country living. There are no Starbucks, fast food restaurants, etc. The local markets have a limited selection of goods, and there is one bank ATM within an hour of the school. Free long distance phone service and internet access is provided by the school and is widely available. Though not perfect, our phone and internet connections are very reliable. US cell phones work well on South Eleuthera, but the rates are high; Bahamian cell phones are a reliable and inexpensive option for local purposes.

Am I a Good Candidate?

This program is not for everyone. The rural location of the school and the challenges of living on a green campus require a great deal of flexibility. Candidates must be comfortable working in a small, intentional community, navigating the complexities of living in a foreign culture, and willing to experiment with alternate philosophies and strategies of education. Our pedagogy is founded on principles of place-based, hands-on education that requires the students to take ownership of the learning. Background education and/or experience in the core fields we teach, travel or study abroad, as well as athletic and outdoor interests are extremely beneficial to an applicant's candidacy.

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Application

- We receive over a hundred applications each year for a very limited number of fellowship positions. Consequently, we cannot respond personally to every submission. Instead, we rely on a website to process and organize the submissions. If you would like to submit an application for a teaching fellowship in any of the disciplines listed above, please closely follow these steps:
- Before anything else, gather as much information as possible about our institution and the position you would like to apply for. We are a unique working environment that is not suited for everyone. So be sure to read all information, understanding the pertinent sections of the website before you send an inquiry or application.
- Organize your cover letter, resume, reference contact information, and any other relevant materials into a single PDF file saved as your full name (ie: "Jane Smith.pdf"). You may include letters of reference if you choose; however, we require only contact information for your references as we are more interested in contacting them directly.
- When your materials are ready, submit them as an email with attachment to the email address: 303d+6e11@app.catchthebest.com. Also, be sure to specify clearly what subject you are applying for. If you would like to apply for more than one subject, please submit to your first choice only, and specify in the body of the email the other disciplines you would like to be considered for.
- You will receive a confirmation email within 10-15 minutes of submitting an application. Because it is sent from Catchthebest.com, it may get filtered as junk mail. Be sure to check your junk email folder if you do not see an auto-reply shortly after submitting.
- We regret that we cannot follow up with every applicant, so some applicants may not hear from us beyond the auto-reply. Individualized contact with other candidates will come over email. Admissions for most positions begin in February and concludes by June.

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