



## Master Teacher

The Master Teacher in Residence Program is designed as a sabbatical opportunity for educators with at least 8 years of experience in any of these subject areas: field ecology, marine science, anthropology, English literature, visual art, environmental science, research science, mathematics, teacher mentoring and administration. This program provides professional development for both the visiting teacher and the staff at The Island School and neighboring Deep Creek Middle School, Cape Eleuthera Institute, and the Early Learning Center.

For the visiting educator, it is a chance to gain exposure to experiential and outdoor education, live on an ecologically designed campus, and rekindle a passion for and creativity in the craft of teaching. For our community, it allows our staff to work with an experienced course designer, receive feedback on their development as a teacher, and gain access to the wisdom of a professional with years of experience.

The rural location of the school and the challenges of working or 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.

## Benefits

- Opportunity to work across the organization and design the best fit for your strengths
- Housing: Housing provided by the school
- Food: All meals provided by the school
- Transportation: Shared shuttle vans available and shared school vehicles are available for basic necessities; cars can be rented locally for personal excursions
- 50% tuition scholarship to Deep Creek Middle School for children in grades 6-8
- Certification in SCUBA, participation on sea kayak expeditions
- Flexible teaching schedule to accommodate travel and exploration of Eleuthera
- Work on a “green” campus
- Connect to the natural world through place-based learning
- Potential for cultural immersion in the local Bahamian community
- Flexible length of stay 9 to 18 weeks. Shorter opportunities may be considered for experienced educators interested in considering an advisory role.

## Overview

There are four educational programs that can be a part of the Master Teacher experience. These programs serve different age groups and varied calendar duration, but the responsibilities are similar and a visiting Master Teacher can work across the organization.



## Programs

- The Island School (high school)
- Deep Creek Middle School (ages 11 - 14)
- The Early Learning Center (ages 2 to 10)
- CEI Educational Programs (middle school - university)

## Responsibilities

- Observation and feedback to educators on lesson planning and delivery
- Participate or co-teach in area of strength
- Program cross curricular and integration feedback
- Support and mentor young educators in:
  - Curriculum development
  - Instructional and assessment practices
  - Time management
  - Classroom management
  - Communication
  - Professionalism
- Support educators to become effective coaches and mentors
- Assess and lead professional development opportunities across the organization

## Additional Responsibilities to The Island School Semester Program:

**Length of Stay:** 9 weeks minimum; ideally full semester (18 weeks)

### Academic/Residential:

- Team teaching 1 section of 12 students
- Attending weekly department meetings
- Join in some 6:15am responsibilities (duty, AMX, present at some 6:15am meetings, morning circle)
- Attending weekly faculty & community meetings

### Curricular Support:

- Assist in developing and assessing community meetings, leadership programming, Querencia, and DOL process

### Community

- Attending most school meals and important school events

## Apply

To apply for this position please send your cover letter, resume, and references in one file to: 9fb4@app.catchthebest.com or e-mail Ashley Waldorf at ashleywaldorf@islandschool.org or Chris Maxey at chrismaxey@islandschool.org.