

Position Title: Scientific Diving Assistant, Professional

Department: School of Marine Sciences

Supervisor: UMaine Diving Operations Manager

Description: *Part-time, temporary position.* Primary responsibility of the position is to assist the Diving Operations Manager with the instruction and supervision of students enrolled in SMS academic diving courses (SMS324- *Introduction to Research Diving, Basic Scuba*). This position is based primarily at the Darling Marine Center in Walpole and is field intensive.

Location: Darling Marine Center, 193 Clark's Cove Road, Walpole, ME 04573 (Summer/Fall)
Wallace Pool, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469 (Spring)

Period/Time: 12-16 hrs./week for 6-12 months; Spring, Summer and/or Fall terms. Exact schedule to be determined

Qualifications: Candidates must demonstrate diving/ watermanship ability acceptable to the instructor, as well as knowledge of scientific diving regulations, skills, and techniques. Ability to follow strict safety guidelines and detailed work instructions but also take appropriate initiative and operate independently. Desire and motivation to exhibit role-model behavior and serve as a mentor to student divers. Duties include but may not be limited to: preparing equipment, filling scuba cylinders, grading/reviewing student assignments, preparing/ presenting course lectures, and instructing/ supervising divers during both confined and open water dive activities.

Requirements:

- Status as an active and insured Divemaster or Instructor (PADI or SDI preferred)
- Current AAUS/UMaine Diving Medical Exam
- Current certification in CPR/FA/O2 administration (Instructor rating preferred)
- Previous training/qualification as an AAUS Scientific Diver preferred (equivalent experience acceptable)
- Ability to drive a University vehicle
- Must provide all personal diving equipment

Compensation:

Financial: Commensurate with experience.

In-kind: Costs of course-related boat dive, CPR/FA/O2 re-certification, some meals provided on dive-days.

Benefits: University health and other benefits do not apply.

To Apply: Applicants should submit a letter of intent, professional resume/vitae, and a record of diving activity (Dive Log) to the UMaine Diving Safety Officer. Applications will be reviewed and potential candidates will be chosen; phone or personal interviews will be scheduled as necessary.

Application Deadline: Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis with the following deadlines:

- Jan 15- Spring session
- Apr 15- Summer session
- Jul 15- Fall session

Additional Expectations and Responsibilities:

General Characteristics

- High-quality personal diving skills
- Positive and professional attitude
- General understanding of Dive Leader role
- Motivated independent worker
- Interest and ability to serve as a mentor to student divers
- Role model behavior in the classroom and the field

Academic/Field Duties

- Arrive on-site as scheduled, on-time and prepared
- Assist with student concerns, issues, and problems
- Encourage teamwork and positive attitude among student divers
- Review/grade student assignments; maintain student assignment completion roster
- Assist with preparation and maintenance of University vehicles and dive trailer
- Guide students in preparation, packaging, and transport of necessary field equipment
- Assist with dive site preparation and management