AmeriCorps

Regional Broadband Coordinator

Island Institute and its regional partners at Hancock County Planning Commission and Midcoast Council of Governments have been selected as host sites for the American Connection Corps program through Lead for America, https://www.leadforamerica.org/. We’re seeking 3 Fellows to support community broadband and digital inclusion efforts in Hancock and Waldo Counties this coming year. This Regional Broadband Coordinator will work collaboratively with local organizations and a cohort of regional Connection Corps peers to help implement a regional digital inclusion vision on the coast of Maine. The work will specifically use digital tools, relationship building skills and community development strategy to help build social and economic resilience in fishing communities facing major disruptions to their traditional livelihoods.

Headquartered in the beautiful coastal community of Rockland, Maine, Island Institute is a leading community development organization serving Maine’s 152 island and coastal communities and employs innovative, collaborative, and multi-faceted strategies to best support these communities. The Institute is committed to the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice and we actively apply these principles to strengthen both our organization and the communities we serve.

Required knowledge, skills and abilities include:

- ACC AmeriCorps Members must be comfortable speaking to groups and giving short presentations on a topic and the ability to research complex topics.
- Facilitating meetings and discussions and attending virtual and online events
- Possess basic skills with writing, verbal communication, email engagement, Excel/Google sheets, and notetaking.

Additional required competencies:

- Strong writing and organizational skills.
- Interest in rural communities
- Interest in storytelling and capturing community voice to help guide the response to community needs.
- Interest in working with individuals from different generations and varied socio-economic backgrounds.
- Interest in being part of a learning cohort with the ability to contribute to and follow a work plan.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To serve in AmeriCorps, you must:

- Be a US Citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident
- Possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent.
- Pass a National Service Criminal History Check (NSCHC) that includes: an FBI fingerprint check, a National Sex Offender Registry check, and any state-specific required background checks for both State of Service and State of Residence.
- Have not completed more than three (3) prior AmeriCorps terms of service.
- Not hold other full-time employment; other obligations should not be temporary or part-time in nature and must not interfere with the program schedule and requirements
- Not be enrolled in a full-time Undergraduate or Professional degree program during the fellowship and agree to maintain full healthcare coverage during the entirety of the fellowship recognizing LFA provides reimbursements for certain eligible healthcare premiums.
**BENEFITS**

**Training**

- 5-day Virtual Winter Training Institute with your cohort (November TBD).
- 5-day Spring Training Retreat and national partner summit with your cohort in Minneapolis, Minnesota (March/April TBD).  
- Scholarship opportunity to attend the National Digital Inclusion Alliance summit or a similar professional conference of your choice (Spring 2023).
- 3+ day in-person graduation ceremony and summit in Washington, DC (late July 2024).

**Support**

- Monthly 1:1 calls with a dedicated ACC Program Officer to support your professional and personal goals and planning for the future.
- Regular virtual Zoom training and pod sessions with your cohort.
- Access to an Employee Assistance Program for legal, financial, tax, and mental health resources.
- Weekly check-ins with host site supervisor, including professional mentorship.
- Bi-weekly check-ins with 2 other ACC Fellows supporting digital inclusion in Hancock and Waldo Counties to align work and progress toward shared deliverables.

**Alumni**

- Segal AmeriCorps Education Award - Upon successful completion of your AmeriCorps service year, you will earn a $6,495 in scholarship funding for every 1,700 hours of service (one program year) that can be applied to current educational expenses or to repay qualified student loans.
- Alumni graduate scholarships to a growing list of top MPA and MPP schools, including the Fels Institute at the University of Pennsylvania and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown.
- Grants available for up to $2,500 for alumni to launch entrepreneurial initiatives to serve their community.
- Membership in a lifelong alumni network of talented, passionate, and dynamic leaders across the country.
- Living Allowance - A $30,000 taxable stipend.
- The Corps Network Health Care Plan (Cigna) - available to those who are not already enrolled in a spouse’s or family member’s health care plan.

To apply, click here [https://leadforamerica.pinpointhq.com/postings/18d01983-2788-4931-ac3a-bb024e5c1c1b](https://leadforamerica.pinpointhq.com/postings/18d01983-2788-4931-ac3a-bb024e5c1c1b)

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