KID Museum Program Facilitator (Part-time)

KID Museum
Bethesda - MD (United States)

About KID Museum
KID Museum is the region’s pioneering experiential museum and educational makerspace. We empower the next generation with the skills to invent the future. Through hands-on programming for kids and youth (ages 4-14), we challenge young people to be active makers, who harness their creativity, curiosity and compassion to build a better world. We design and deliver programs across the full continuum of learning for kids in pre-k through middle school in partnership with educators and schools. Our onsite programs, community events, and live, virtual sessions encourage families to learn and explore together, engage kids in driving their own learning, and support educators in the classroom. We are deeply committed to diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion, and consistently prioritize reaching underserved students of color with these transformative learning experiences that unlock opportunity for personal and economic growth.

Through deep, embedded learning partnerships with public and independent schools, we support students and teachers in developing new skills and the “mind of a maker.” This philosophy embodies the mindset that we believe will be necessary for the next generation to successfully compete in an increasingly diverse, interconnected, and rapidly changing workforce, driven by technology.

We empower the next generation with the skills to invent the future, and the mindsets, habits, and skill-sets we teach are practical and powerful in everyday life. We are part of a growing movement to remake education for every young person, putting them in the driver’s seat and trusting them to be agents of change. For more information, please visit www.kid-museum.org

Position Overview
KID Museum is seeking part-time Program Facilitators to assist our Maker Education team with teaching dynamic hands-on educational programs that engage children ages 4-14 in impactful, maker-based learning experiences during the school day, evening and/or weekends. These experiences are grounded in both 21st century skills and social emotional learning in order to equip kids with confidence and compassion, while promoting creativity and critical thinking skills. The Program Facilitator will also help to set the tone for a positive, collaborative learning environment that is conducive to active learning and exploration.

The successful candidate will have an interest and background in education, science, engineering, technology, mathematics, computer science, and/or design and construction. They will have previous experience teaching or leading students in a formal or informal educational setting or a combination of education and experience. A minimum of 6-12 months experience working with children ages 4 to 14. Familiarity with the Maker Movement, its objectives and traditions is a plus. Bilingual candidates desired. Experience with (or willingness to learn) coding and robotics including, but not limited to ScratchJr, Scratch, Javascript, and LEGO Mindstorm as well as tools found in a woodshop, sewing, weaving, and various textiles techniques, and technology used in digital fabrication.

Essential Job Requirements
● Serve as a part time member of the KID Museum education team and is responsible for fostering an inquiry-based, self-directed, and fun learning environment that encourages a sense of innovation and discovery throughout KID Museum school day, afterschool, summer camp, and family programs.
● Facilitate high-energy and hands-on educational programs using tools and materials to engage participants’ creativity and spirit of exploration and invention.
● Lead groups of 10 - 25 students in an educational setting, maintaining student safety and engagement.
● Promote positive and inventive problem-solving skills to kids during maker-based programs.
● Inspire kids to exercise their creativity and individuality.
● Participate in ongoing training for KID Museum programming and curriculum.
● Assist with the thorough and efficient set up and clean up of program activity space.
● Work a part-time schedule of a minimum of 10 hours per week during the day, evening and/or weekends.
● Successfully complete other duties as assigned.

Minimum Qualifications
● Passionate and skilled in building hands-on projects with kids.
● High energy, personable and friendly; able to communicate with diverse audiences.
● Exceptional communication skills and the ability to effectively communicate with a wide variety of audiences including children, teachers, parents/caregivers and community members.
● Reliable, committed, focused, and communicative with colleagues/managers.
● Self starter who enjoys dynamic, informal learning environments.
● Welcome opportunities to learn new skills and challenge yourself.
● Thrive in dynamic environments and enjoy working with creative people.
● Are available to work weekday hours, some evenings and weekends.

To Apply:
The successful candidate must be able to perform the above tasks independently, accurately, reliably, and in a timely manner. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. Please send a cover letter and resume to careers@kid-museum.org for consideration.

Diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion are important, interdependent components of everyday life at KID Museum and are critical to our pursuit of excellence. KID Museum is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sex, ancestry, citizenship status, mental or physical disability, genetic information, sexual orientation, veteran status, or military status.