



# Coalition To Restore Coastal Louisiana

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## Outreach and Engagement Program Assistant (Outreach Assistant) AmeriCorps Member

### Position Description

The [Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana \(CRCL\)](#) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to drive bold, science-based action to rebuild Coastal Louisiana through outreach, restoration and advocacy. The Outreach and Engagement Program advances CRCL's mission as an avenue for facilitating community input and explaining plans for ecological restoration and flood protection as Coastal Louisiana faces an increasingly dynamic landscape from climate adaptation. This program supports innovative strategies to engage residents of coastal communities who are often fishery-dependent, flood-prone, and facing significant challenges maintaining financial security as a result.

The Outreach Assistant is an AmeriCorps position working directly under CRCL's Outreach and Engagement Manager to expand the capacity of the program through increased interaction and assisting with the development of policies, plans, and measures that facilitate climate adaptation for coastal communities.

This position is an AmeriCorps position that is offered to CRCL through the [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) AmeriCorps program. The member will serve in the CRCL New Orleans office for the 2016-2017 service year (Sept. 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017).

### Key Responsibilities:

- Work with coastal residents, specifically those who are dependent on harvesting fisheries, to incorporate their knowledge and provide resources relating to plans for anticipating and addressing ecological changes.
- Learn and employ interdisciplinary approaches to applied social research- this position intersects the ability to understand the physical, geologic processes impacting the landscape of coastal Louisiana with the practice of facilitation, mediation, and engagement methods necessary for community-informed climate adaptation planning .
- Assist with the development of informational materials to explain the anticipated impacts of climate projections and plans for restoration and flood protection.
- Conduct background research on a wide variety programs, policies, and case studies that will inform the development of tailor-made strategies for coastal communities facing climate adaptation issues.
- Occasionally assist staff with other CRCL programs including (but not limited to) Habitat Restoration Program events, the State of the Coast conference, the Stewardship Awards Banquet, and tabling at festivals.

### Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree (preferably in a social research or ecological field).
- Previous work experience in applied social research and/or an environmental field is preferred.
- An interest in climate adaptation, coastal hazards, fisheries, climate justice, planning, wetland restoration and/or flood protection.

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- Applicant must be able to grasp basic ecological principles and be able to explain them to others.
- Ability to serve full time for 11 months (1700 hours).
- Enthusiastic – must have a desire to play a positive role within the community and have excellent social and interpersonal skills.
- Self-motivated – the applicant must be comfortable working without constant supervision.
- Comfortably working in an office.
- Good communication skills (both verbal and written).
- Detail orientated and able to manage time appropriately.

**What the Outreach and Engagement Program Assistant AmeriCorps Member Will Receive:**

- \$13,000 living allowance (before taxes; dispersed biweekly over 11 months)
- \$5,755 education award (scholarship) upon successful completion of the program
- Student Loan Forbearance
- Health Insurance Plan
- Child Care Reimbursement
- Invaluable work and leadership experience

**Additional Info:**

- Travel and overnight stay across the coast for this position may occur.
  - Mileage reimbursement and per diem expenses will be covered.
  - Applicant must have a valid driver’s license and personal vehicle.
- Some weekend work may be required.

**How to Apply:**

Interested applicants must apply through the Louisiana Delta Service Corps office (download application form [HERE](#)). In your application, identify that the Outreach Assistant is your top choice for placement. For more information, please visit the [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) and/or email [coreym@crcl.org](mailto:coreym@crcl.org) for specific questions relating to the CRCL-based position.

No phone calls to the CRCL office please.

Applications are due July 1, 2016.

AmeriCorps is a national program that places over 75,000 members a year in intensive service programs that allow them to play a positive role in their communities. The [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) places 40 AmeriCorps members in public schools, non-profits, and community organizations to provide direct service and build capacity in those organizations. Members work to create positive change throughout the delta by serving in Baton Rouge and New Orleans.