



Coalition To Restore Coastal Louisiana

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Oyster Shell Recycling Program (OSRP) 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. Pursuant to our mission, CRCL created the [Oyster Shell Recycling Program \(OSRP\)](#). Launched In June, 2014, the program recycles used shell from participating New Orleans-based restaurants for use restoring oyster reef and shoreline habitats across coastal Louisiana. This program is the first of its kind in Louisiana and has become the largest shell recycling program in the nation.

The Oyster Shell Recycling Program (OSRP) Assistant is an AmeriCorps position and will work directly under CRCL's Restoration Programs Director to assist with the management and growth of the OSRP by developing a framework for program expansion across the coast, researching oyster ecology, economy and policy, and implementing volunteer-based oyster reef restoration projects.

The OSRP Assistant 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:

- Assist with the organization of OSRP outreach events, including field trips, trainings for participating restaurant staff, and volunteer shell bagging events.
- Help recruit potential volunteer groups to oyster shell bagging events.
- Contact former volunteers to thank them, send pictures, and solicit survey participation.
- Compile data focused on tracking the success and effectiveness of the OSRP.
- Conduct background research on a wide variety of oyster-related topics including (but not limited to) oyster legislation, recycling operations/opportunities in other cities, restoration techniques, and the economic supply chain of oysters.
- Ensure the shell curing site is properly maintained by working with project partners and to ensure the shell is turned regularly and non-shell material is removed.
- Develop outreach materials that will be used at CRCL events and adapted for the CRCL website.
- Increase the reach of the OSRP through the CRCL website and social media outlets.
- Assist staff with other CRCL programs including (but not limited to) Habitat Restoration Program events, the Stewardship Awards Banquet, and tabling at festivals.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's Degree (preferably in an ecological field).
- Previous work experience in an environmental field is preferred.
- An interest in coastal restoration and/or volunteer outreach programs.
 - 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.
- Willing and able to handle physically demanding work outdoors in a variety of weather and site conditions.
- Comfortably working in an office.
- Good communication skills (both verbal and written).
- Detail orientated and able to manage time appropriately.

What the OSRP 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 is required.
 - Mileage reimbursement and per diem expenses will be covered.
 - Applicant must have a valid driver's license and personal vehicle.
- Some weekend work is 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 OSRP Assistant is your top choice for placement. For more information, please visit the [Louisiana Delta Service Corps](#) and/or email deba@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.