**ExtensionCorps** members help **Nebraska Extension** reach youth who are most in need of life-changing information. Our members serve across the state, and they teach in classrooms and after-school settings. They educate Nebraska’s youth on nutrition and science literacy concepts. Our goals are for youth to establish healthy lifestyles by making good decisions about food and physical activity and increase positive attitudes about science through applying concepts in everyday life and increased academic performance. **We’re looking for members committed to making a difference and who are motivated, responsible, confident, and open to trying something new.**

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**Service Position Title and Type**
AmeriCorps Service Scholar—Science Literacy Education. This is a quarter-time (470 hours) position. Service averages 10 hours per week. The service term ends August 31, 2016.

**ExtensionCorps Program Staff Information**
Christina Franklin and Ashley Mueller, 402/624-8037, extensioncorps@unl.edu

**Service Locations**
Cheyenne-Kimball, Dakota, Dawes, Douglas-Sarpy, Hall, Scotts Bluff-Morrill counties in Nebraska

**Service Position Summary**
The ExtensionCorps member will teach a variety of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) programs that engage youth in learning and applying basic science concepts through hands-on, experiential activities. The member will implement programs in classrooms and after-school settings.

**Essential Functions of Position**
The ExtensionCorps member will:

- Teach a variety of STEM-based programs that engage youth in classrooms and after-school settings.
- Collect evaluation and impact data to track program performance measures.
- Engage in curriculum and STEM program planning meetings.
- Coordinate management of and maintain educational materials.
- Attend trainings and professional development events related to the position.
Recruit ExtensionCorps members through capacity-building efforts.
Complete an ExtensionCorps capstone project documenting service experience.

Marginal Functions
The ExtensionCorps member may:
• Occasionally teach STEM programs at day festivals, fairs, and in other learning environments.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities
• Interests in STEM and education
• Ability to work with youth, primarily grades K-8
• Ability to work independently and in a team-setting
• Ability to communicate effectively
• Ability to teach others new concepts
• Ability to maintain professionalism

Qualifications
• Be a United States citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien.
• Have a high school diploma or GED.
• Be at least 18 years of age.
• Ability to pass FBI, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), and sex offender criminal history background checks.
• Must meet driver standards according to UNL policy and have a valid driver’s license.

Service Conditions
The ExtensionCorps member will teach in classrooms and after-school settings, including schools and Extension offices. The member may teach at a variety of locations in the service area.

Physical, Emotional, and Intellectual Demands
The member will:
• Move educational materials to the teaching setting and transport them as necessary.
• Move within the educational setting, including movement from floor to floor.
• Display patience because of interactions with youth.
• Use a range of technologies and equipment, including a computer to log service hours and submit monthly impact reports.

Additional Information
The ExtensionCorps member will receive a monthly living allowance of $208.33 until the end of the service term (August 31, 2016), so long as service hours are being accumulated. Upon successful completion of service, the member will receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of $1515.55. Student loan forbearance is offered.

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The ExtensionCorps experience will provide valuable classroom teaching experience; facilitate professional networking opportunities in the University of Nebraska System; offer excellent professional mentorship; enhance personal growth and development; and encourage a positive and supportive work environment. Content-specific training will be provided by Nebraska Extension professionals.

The ExtensionCorps member will adhere to UNL Youth Activity Policy requirements and Activity Worker guidelines outlined at: http://police.unl.edu/policies/youth-activitiesafety-policy

The ExtensionCorps member may not engage in any of the prohibited activities as outlined in the following AmeriCorps Prohibited Activities disclosure document: http://www.serve.nebraska.gov/grantee/pdf/2014-Prohibited-Activities.pdf

**Application and Review**
The ExtensionCorps application can be found on the ExtensionCorps website: http://southeast.unl.edu/extensioncorps

The completed application should be mailed to ExtensionCorps, Southeast Research and Extension Center, 1071 County Road G, Ithaca, NE 68033-2234.

Application review will begin on September 4, 2015 and the position will be open until a suitable candidate is found or search is closed.

**Inclusion Statement**
The University of Nebraska is committed to a pluralistic campus community through affirmative action, equal opportunity, and work-life balance.

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