

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, College of Natural Resources

Master of Science in Natural Resources with an emphasis in Environmental Education

Graduate Assistantship with KEEP

Graduate assistant goals: Work with KEEP staff to revise and develop curriculum materials, evaluation tools, and/or teacher professional development opportunities. Details will be developed through conversations with KEEP/WCEE staff, KEEP advisory committee members, and teachers. The graduate project will be developed in collaboration with the faculty advisor.

The Wisconsin K-12 Energy Education Program (KEEP) promotes energy literacy in Wisconsin. KEEP is an innovative public-private partnership between educators and the energy industry. KEEP is part of the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education. More information about KEEP is available at www4.uwsp.edu/cnr/wcee/keep/. The Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education (WCEE) fosters universal environmental and social responsibility through the development, dissemination, implementation and evaluation of sustainability and environmental education programs in pK-12 schools and communities. The WCEE is a center of the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point College of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin Extension – Cooperative Extension. More information about the WCEE is available at www.uwsp.edu/wcee

Responsibilities:

1. Student will meet with supervisor and KEEP staff to develop a work plan for each semester. Activities will tentatively focus on assisting KEEP in addressing its strategic directions, in particular, updating KEEP curriculum activities and re-aligning them to new Wisconsin academic standards. This will include:
 - Researching and updating statistics and information in the content of the KEEP curriculum
 - Aligning each activity to new state standards
2. Additional responsibilities will be to assist with other projects within KEEP, including (but not limited to) the following activities:
 - Resource development and management
 - Networking and outreach initiatives
 - Other KEEP projects as needed
3. Serve as a staff member of the WCEE and KEEP. In that capacity, generally help these programs pursue their goals and objectives. This may include assisting with displays or presentations at conferences, and helping to organize, promote or teach KEEP courses.

Timeline: The assistantship will begin in January 2014 and will be completed by December 31, 2015 (two years/four semesters of coursework).

Funding: KEEP will provide \$22,500 annually in salary for the 2014 and 2015 calendar years. Funding will begin January 20, 2014. Funding would end on December 31, 2015. Health insurance will be available based on university policy for graduate students. Tuition will be the responsibility of the graduate assistant.

Continuation: KEEP will maintain the rights to continue to disseminate and offer the materials and professional development developed as part of the graduate assistantship project through on-line, digital and face to face means. Opportunities for delivering future professional development or curriculum materials may be made available to the graduate assistant as an ad hoc instructor or contractor.

Work Expectations: The graduate assistant will provide 20 hours/week of work to KEEP during the academic year. Approximately 10 hours per week will be committed to the KEEP during the summer months and during academic breaks. Ultimately this will be approximately 1400 hours of work over the two years of the project. Specific arrangements regarding on-campus versus home work are negotiable, but at least the equivalent of one day per week will be spent on-campus available to meet with KEEP staff and faculty regarding the project (outside of course time).

Evaluation: Evaluation will occur semester-by-semester at a meeting between graduate assistant and supervisor using the position objectives as a basis for evaluation.

Graduate Assistantship Supervisor: Jeremy Solin

Graduate Program Advisor: TBD (Dr. Steve Kerlin or Dr. Kendra Liddicoat)

Application process and deadline:

- 1) Submit a letter of interest highlighting your qualifications for this assistantships and an updated resume to Jeremy Solin at jsolin@uwsp.edu by **Friday, Dec 6, 2013**.
- 2) Complete the application process for the College of Natural Resources graduate program:
<http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/graduateProgram/Pages/applicationProcedure.aspx>
(you can disregard the application deadline if applying for this position)

Contract Jeremy Solin at 715-346-4907 or jsolin@uwsp.edu if you have any questions.