Science Mentor Positions

An opportunity currently exists for students to act as Science Mentors for Primary and High School students. Successful applicants will join the current Science Mentor Team, assisting school students to undertake their own science research project to enter in the University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair. The Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health is seeking applications from enthusiastic young scientists who would like to share their passion for science with school students.

Duties
- Give presentations to school students about performing scientific investigations.
- Advise and assist school students to refine their research questions, plan their experiments, understand experimental variables, consider sample size, collect and analyse data and present their project.
- Available to assist with the University of Wollongong Illawarra Coal Science Fair on Tuesday 4 November and Wednesday 5 November 2014.
- Answer questions regarding science study and career options.
- Support teachers who are undertaking open-ended investigations with their classes.
- General office duties as required.

Essential Criteria
1. Excellent communication skills, including oral presentation skills.
2. Currently undertaking or recently completed a Science or Science Education degree at the University of Wollongong.
3. Credit average or above.
4. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team.
5. Reliable and enthusiastic.
6. Over 17 years of age.
7. Hold a current driver’s licence (Green P’s is suitable).

Desirable Criteria
1. Previous independent research experience.
2. Previous leadership experience.
3. Proven interest in scientific investigation.
4. Good general knowledge of High School science.

Hours of Work and Rate of Pay
Work is on an irregular casual basis, hours depend upon demand, and the availability of the Science Mentor. The rate of pay for Science Mentors is General Staff Casual Rate 2 (currently $30.93 per hour).

Applications
In your application, please address in writing all of the Criteria and include a copy of your most recent University of Wollongong academic results, if available.

Applications Close: 4pm Monday 4 August 2014
Applications should be directed to:
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