

## **Himalaya Environment and Leadership Program Animator Job Description**

The UWC Himalaya Environment and Leadership Program seeks a program animator to work closely with youth exploring leadership, sustainable development, and justice on a transformational journey through the rugged and remote mountains of Ladakh. You will have previously demonstrated alignment with the UWC mission and guiding values as well as leadership in student roles, clubs, and volunteer organizations. You will lead program participants with sensitivity, sound judgment, and enthusiasm; guide them towards achieving the program learning objectives; model expeditionary behaviour; and facilitate a positive group culture. You will work collaboratively with the program instructors in a range of capacities that may not all be listed on this document, and are expected to role-model doing things that need to be done. A willingness to support the UWC mission through your initiative is essential.

The course entails a challenging mountain expedition as well as deep cultural and place-based learning opportunities. Visiting speakers and teachers include activists, entrepreneurs, environmentalists, and policy makers that offer localized & adapted approaches to sustainability, community, and political agency. Read more about the program [here](#).

### **Responsibilities**

- Collaborate in implementing all aspects of the program
- Uphold risk management protocols and procedures
- Support the course leaders and facilitators towards course objectives
- Proactively prevent and respond to first aid concerns including blisters, sunburn, twisted ankles, dehydration; and to effectively document and report first-aid concerns
- Support participants as they engage with course elements, exercising judgement in stepping in and out to influence and make space for participants as required
- Help the course leaders and facilitators deliver an exceptional experience for participants
- Role-model followership, emergent leadership, and good judgement
- Lead ice-breakers, energizers, and reflection and appreciation circles
- On expedition, to role-model effective camp-craft and expeditionary behaviour and encourage participants with an enthusiastic approach towards challenges and chores

### **Required profile**

- High energy and motivated to work collaboratively, take responsibility, and volunteer for things that need to be done
- Leadership experience in student roles, clubs, or volunteer programs
- Excellent facilitation skills in adventure and/or rugged travel contexts
- Happy working in a very challenging mountain environment: cold, long days of walking, basic food, camp chores, 19 days, multiple mountain passes and 3x 6000m peaks
- First Aid + CPR qualification

### **Desirable, but not required, skills and experience**

Prior UWC exposure

Wilderness First Responder or Wilderness Advanced First Aid qualification

Mountaineering background

### **Contract Details**

Dates: June 4 to June 30

Location: Ladakh, India

Expenses on program covered except visa and insurance.

Payment: EUR 800 towards travel expenses and EUR 800 towards course-related professional development such as WFR or WEMT.

Living arrangements will be provided for the entirety of the course as well as all technical mountaineering equipment such as harness, ice axe, and plastic boots. Insurance is not provided and you will need to be effectively insured from your home country.

### **Application instructions**

Please submit your application using this [online form](#). As long as the application is online the position has not been filled. Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning 15th January 2020 and shortlisted applicants will be invited for interviews.

The Himalaya Environment and Leadership Program is an equal opportunity organization and seeks especially to appoint qualified individuals from underrepresented backgrounds.