

Base Leader and Guest Education Coordinator for the Maldives Underwater Initiative at Six Senses Laamu, Maldives

Job Title: Base Leader & Guest Education Coordinator

Job Category: Marine Biology (Maldives Underwater Initiative)

Reports to: Director of Sustainability

Type: Full-time, 1 year (with possibility of extension)

Salary: Monthly salary of \$1200 USD plus service charge (minimum \$300 USD)

Start date: Mid-June 2024

Additional benefits: Accommodation in a private room w/en-suite, all meals, 1x return flights to country of origin and domestic transfers

About the Maldives Underwater Initiative (MUI) at Six Senses Laamu

Six Senses Laamu is situated in a remote environment and has a strong commitment to marine conservation. The team of Marine Biologists based at the resort has grown from just one Resident Marine Biologist in 2011, to one of the largest teams of Marine Biologists at any one resort in the Maldives. The Six Senses Laamu staff work alongside three NGO partners: The Manta Trust, Blue Marine Foundation and Olive Ridley Project, which together form the Maldives Underwater Initiative (MUI). Learn more about MUI's work on our website:

www.maldivesunderwaterinitiative.com

Position summary

The position of Base Leader and Guest Education Coordinator centers on two main responsibilities. Firstly overseeing and managing the MUI team and the Sea Hub of Environmental Learning in Laamu (The SHELL) our marine biology and education center. Ensuring all operations run smoothly across the teams three pillars of work, Research, Education and Community. The second responsibility is being responsible for, developing and improving MUI's guest educational experiences (such as presentations, guided excursions, Junior Marine Biology, interactive workshops and videos). Each experience aims to inspire guests, hosts and community members, to make sustainable life choices and leave with a better knowledge of the Maldives' marine life and MUI's conservation efforts.

All members of MUI assist in providing or conducting guest experiences, however this role will schedule, oversee and evaluate the effectiveness of these activities through providing feedback and training to the team.

A large part of this role is overseeing the use of the SHELL, this new and impressive facility is where the team is based and contains the teams lab as well as a range of rooms for guests to have immersive and interactive experiences in. This position will be responsible to for the daily running of the SHELL ensuring upkeep, maintenance and cleanliness of the facility as well as creating new and innovative ways to use the space to increase guest education and interaction with the MUI team.

The position will also assist in the setting and delivery of MUI's research and community goals. Therefore, the ideal candidate will have a background in biology and conservation. The position would also ideally be involved in much of the data collection and research being carried out by the team, therefore being a competent diver and snorkeller are essential for this role. The successful candidate should be highly motivated, with excellent time management and project management skills, and experience in presenting entertaining and educational content, including presentations, workshops, and exhibits, in addition to familiarity with online live platforms and be comfortable both in front and behind the camera. The successful candidate should have experience managing a team in this or a similar field and have experience training, mentoring and guiding team members to achieve their potential and work as a collaborative team. This role is a highly varied role with a variety of different projects, challenges and responsibilities, the ideal candidate for this position must be highly flexible, adaptive and receptive to regular changes and challenges that arise in a resort environment.

Six Senses are 5-star hotels, resorts, and spas with a strong sustainability focus. Our brand values: local sensitivity, global sensibility; responsible and caring; crafted experiences; pioneering wellness; emotional hospitality; fun and quirky reflect our dedication to guests' wellness, preserving the natural environment and working with local communities. The Base Leader and Guest Education Coordinator will be asked to utilize their skills and share knowledge assisting guest education for other departments, which this will include a sustainability camp covering zero waste, home grown produce, sustainable spa and marine conservation.

Key duties/responsibilities

- Leading the team in continuing to be one of the leading teams of marine biologists in the Maldives in research, community outreach and education
- Developing existing and additional hands-on, interactive content for guest experiences and improving upon current experiences and uses of the SHELL

- Overseeing administrative tasks for the team of 10 marine biologists and the SHELL, such as scheduling day-to-day rotational resort-based activities, monthly and annual reporting and inclusion in resort managerial team.
- Leading, on a rotational basis, guest activities, including snorkel excursions, dolphin cruises, presentations, Kids Club and overseeing our 'Junior Marine Biologist' program
- Developing and conducting community outreach and education in local islands
- Assist in conducting monitoring surveys on seagrass, coral reef, fish, dolphins, turtles, sharks, rays (involvement based on experience)
- Continuation of enhancing MUI's educational resources both for guests on resort and growing MUI's online presence and resources.
- Leading and organizing resort visits by visiting specialists in marine biology or conservation

Selection criteria

Essential

- Education background (preferably Masters) in Science or Media Communication or similar degree
- Ideally at least 2 years working experience in a practical science communication and education role
- Excellent presentation and communication skills, and very comfortable talking and engaging with guests with high expectations
- Experience in presenting or coordinating live and online events
- PADI Open Water or higher (or equivalent qualification)
- Comfortable swimmer and snorkeler, with own snorkelling equipment
- Passion for marine conservation and knowledgeable about tropical marine life
- Demonstrated project management skills, including ability to liaise with varied stakeholders to deliver project outcomes on time
- Fluent English

Desirable

- Education in biology (preferably marine) and conservation
- Experience in managing diverse and dynamic teams
- Experience in photo, video, or graphic design
- Demonstrated ability to work in a small team in remote locations
- Experience working in a 5-star resort or similar establishment
- Fluent in languages in addition to English

To apply, please provide your CV and 1-page cover letter stating your experience and suitability for the role, addressed to Greg Holder at greg.holder@sixsenses.com

Closing date: 5:00 pm (UTC +06:00) May 1st, 2024. Please note that late applications will not be considered.