

Manager of Marine Operations

The University of Washington (UW) is proud to be one of the nation's premier educational and research institutions. Our people are the most important asset in our pursuit of achieving excellence in education, research, and community service. Our staff not only enjoy outstanding benefits and professional growth opportunities, but also an environment noted for diversity, community involvement, intellectual excitement, artistic pursuits, and natural beauty.

The School of Oceanography fosters continued advancement of the ocean sciences, solutions to problems of societal relevance, and public awareness of the marine environment. It is at the forefront of creating knowledge and understanding about the ocean through observation, theory, modeling and technological innovation. The School focuses on learning and discovery, equipping students with knowledge and insights, scholarly methods, scientific tools and communication skills.

The Manager of Marine Operations is responsible for organizing and overseeing the operation of the School of Oceanography's two federally owned research vessels, the *R/V Thomas G. Thompson* and *R/V Clifford A. Barnes*. These vessels are an important component of the UNOLS (University National Oceanographic Laboratory System) national academic research fleet and their operation is critical to seagoing research and educational programs within the University of Washington. The Manager leads the shore-based Marine Operations staff so as to provide exceptional support to faculty-led research and academic endeavors. The University of Washington places a strong emphasis on operating its research vessels in a safe, effective and efficient manner and continually strives to improve the level of service to the ships' scientific users.

Duties normally assigned to the Manager include:

- Manage crew and shore-based support personnel.
- Serve as a liaison with the federal agencies to keep them informed and to negotiate funding for ship operations, repairs and equipment.
- Provide advice to scientists from the University of Washington and other institutions planning sea-going experiments.
- Serve as a liaison with ship operators from other institutions.
- Work with the manager of the Shipboard Science Support Group to ensure excellent support to science parties before, during and after cruises.
- Ensure effective communications amongst ship and shore-based personnel.
- Keep the Associate Director for Marine Operations and Facilities and other university administrators appropriately informed of operations.
- Work with the Associate Director and faculty oversight committees to develop and implement long-term plans to upgrade seagoing capabilities in order to meet upcoming challenges and opportunities.

Additional duties that will be performed by the shore-based Marine Operations team under the participatory leadership of the Manager include:

- Prepare proposals requesting funds for ship operations and equipment.
- Provide fiscal oversight to ensure operations within the established budgets.
- Manage maintenance, repairs and modifications to the vessels and marine operations facilities.
- Schedule ships operations under the auspices of UNOLS to meet the needs of scientific and educational users.
- Represent the University of Washington within UNOLS as requested.
- Interact with the State Department to obtain foreign vessel clearances.
- Staff the research vessels.
- Ensure ship operations meet all safety and regulatory requirements.
- Keep informed about maritime laws and current marine industry practices.
- Work with administrative staff within the School and elsewhere to ensure that Marine Operations follows University of Washington policies and procedures.

Required Qualifications

A bachelors degree and minimum of ten years of vessel management; operations and scheduling; ship construction, maintenance and repair; budget development; fiscal management and personnel administration. Complete familiarity with the various requirements of cognizant regulatory bodies concerned with research vessel operation. A commitment to supporting oceanographic research and education and familiarity with the various national oceanographic research programs being underwritten by Federal agencies.

Preferred Qualifications

U.S. Coast Guard licenses as Master, unlimited, and experience supporting science operations on oceanographic research vessels.

Equivalent education/experience will substitute for all minimum qualifications except when there are legal requirements, such as a license/certification/registration.

Application Procedure

This position is posted under "Req# 64000" on the University of Washington's employment web site (<http://www.washington.edu/jobs>) and applications must be submitted through this site.

The hiring committee will start reviewing applications on June 1 and the position will stay open until filled.

Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.