



CONTRACT POSITION: AISES Coach

INFORMATION

Department:	Education STEAM & Post Secondary
Location of Work:	Home Community (Juneau, Sitka, Hoonah, Angoon, Wrangell, and Kake)
Application Deadline:	October 17, 2025

OVERVIEW OF TASK/WORK

Sealaska Heritage Institute is seeking individuals to serve as AISES Coaches for 2025-2026 to support local AISES affiliates and associated activities in partner communities in southeast Alaska. Coaches will be required to recruit high school students, support students to develop an Indigenous Science-based research project, assist students in the completion of the project, and support students to develop a presentation for the AISES Regional Project Fair in the Spring. The contractor will also act as a chaperone for students presenting at the project fair. If student presentations are awarded at the AISES Regional Project Fair, the contractor will support student attendance and presentations at the AISES National Conference in 2026.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Complete and pass a background check
2. Meet with HS STEAM Coordinator to discuss status, needs, successes, and attend monthly virtual meetings with SHI staff
3. Advertise/recruit high school students for AISES affiliations
4. Convene 1 meeting per month during the school year for students participating in local AISES affiliations
5. Organize presentations from visiting experts where appropriate
6. Work with students to conceptualize and plan a research project. (Projects should be novel, demonstrate the weaving of Indigenous and Western Science, and designed to be completed prior to the Regional Project Fair in spring)
7. Work with students to design and create their poster or project presentation
8. Have students complete the post-presentation survey

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Knowledge of Southeast Alaska Native culture and Southeast Alaska Native communities
- High school science teacher or associated educational experience
- Ability to oversee and advise student research projects
- Good planning and organizational skills

- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Computer proficiency

PROJECT/CONTRACTOR TIMELINE

The grant is a three-year award. The selected contractor is expected to commit one full school year but has the option to be considered for future years as availability and opportunity allow. The contract will extend to May 30, 2026 if travel to the AISES National Conference is not awarded. The contract will extend to Oct. 30, 2026 if travel to the AISES National Conference is awarded.

NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

- Strong background in Indigenous Science
- Knowledge of southeast Alaska Native culture
- Experience developing Indigenous Science-based STEM learning experiences

To Apply: Submit an interest form at this link: [Contractor Interest Form](#)

For this contract position, please make sure to include the following information in your application: .

If you have any questions regarding this contract position, please contact Email Lauren Smythe at lauren.smythe@sealaskaheritage.com or call (907) 586-9113

