

CONTRACT POSITION: HS STEAM Cultural Specialist**INFORMATION**

Department:	Education STEAM & Post Secondary
Location of Work:	Virtual & In-person (Juneau, Sitka, Hoonah, Wrangell, Angoon, and Kake)
Application Deadline:	August 15, 2025

OVERVIEW OF TASK/WORK

Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) is looking for someone to work on a short-term contract as a Cultural Specialist for the HS STEAM Community of Practice (CoP). The contract would go from September 2025 to May 2026.

SHI has implemented a project to build STEAM pathways for Alaska Native Students that are rooted in the sharing of Traditional Ecological Knowledge primarily serving the students in the communities of Angoon, Hoonah, Kake, Sitka, Wrangell, and Juneau. SHI seeks a Cultural Specialist with experience working with high school age students and is experienced at incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into the classroom and mentoring members of the HS STEAM CoP. The CoP provides a structure for the development and sharing of culturally relevant STEAM lessons/activities inclusive of Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian knowledge, values, and practices.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Complete and pass a background check
2. Maintain regular email and phone communication with SHI STEAM Coordinator.
3. Meet regularly with the Community of Practice (CoP) teachers, virtually and/or in-person. These meetings will be whole group or individual depending on support and training needs for SHI and the CoP.
4. Support CoP with suggestions and knowledge of IK. Assist SHI with recruiting Indigenous Knowledge specialists for CoP meetings and classrooms.
5. Assist with classes or get permission to use cultural information, language, stories, or items relevant to IK.
6. Work with CoP members to identify IK that can be used to support the STEAM curriculum.
7. Assist CoP members with creating lessons using IK. Work with CoP members in the classroom implementing IK lessons. Afterward, reflect with teachers on potential improvements, extensions, and relevant curriculum.
8. Meet with SHI STEAM Coordinator and provide feedback

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Knowledge of Southeast Alaska Native culture and Southeast Alaska Native communities
- Experience with lesson plans/curriculum
- Experience and interest in working with youth
- Demonstrated effective verbal, written, and interpersonal communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to coordinate activities with attention to detail
- Previous experience working with youth
- 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.

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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

