

## **WANTED: Participant on Underwater Archaeology Project in the Aleutian Islands**

East Carolina University is seeking a participant of Unangan descent for an underwater archaeological mission off the coast of Attu. The project is funded by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and will focus on documenting cultural heritage remains associated with the island. Scientific work will include remotely operated vehicle and sonar surveys in search of evidence for World War II wrecks and pre-war maritime activities. Additionally, the research crew will map sections of the seafloor and explore the corresponding marine life. The participant will be offered the opportunity to learn about each aspect of the project's technology, while being fully-involved with the day-to-day operations. This individual will also be encouraged to participate in project planning and provide cultural insights from his or her own life experiences. All project members, including the participant, will travel to Adak by plane to meet the research vessel. From Adak, the team will sail for two days to Attu and spend one week surveying around the island, before returning to Adak.

Applicants **must** be over 18. No research, science, or remote research experience necessary; the project team will provide the necessary training. However, experiences in water safety, wilderness/emergency first aid, participation in collaborative projects, or any of the relevant sciences are welcome. Those interested in archaeology, marine biology, geology, and any other form of ocean science, as well as, anyone from the following career tracks are highly encouraged to apply:

1. Research or applied science careers in marine science, history, anthropology, social sciences, marine engineering, environmental studies
2. Management careers in remote logistics, science programming and collaboration, cultural resource/land management
3. Teaching in science, humanities, social sciences

The project will require the participant to live aboard the research vessel for 11 days. Prior experience working on ships is not a requirement, though it is preferred. The project will take place between July 10 – 27, though applicants should expect to be available between the beginning of July through mid-August, departure and the return may be weather-dependent. Participation in project planning meetings before fieldwork is optional, though encouraged. Meetings began in January 2024 and will continue through June, though the participant will be brought fully up to speed whenever they officially join the project team. These remote/Zoom meetings will mainly focus on the development of research and outreach activities, as well as the logistics of travelling to and around Attu.

The active field research phase (July/August 2024) consists of shared accommodations during research travel to Adak and on the research vessel. The participant will be a valuable, contributing research crew member. As such this individual and the rest of the crew are obliged to comply with onboard health and safety protocols for the duration of the project. All crew members will participate in research activities where necessary, regardless of specialty. The following is a partial list of expected job duties:

1. Participation in planning meetings
2. Participation in development of outreach programming and activities
3. Active engagement with research specialists during research cruise (July/August 2024)
4. (Optional) Blog posts about experiences during project
5. (Optional) Participation in post-project outreach and educational events