



Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Now Hiring: Outreach and Communications Student – Fall 2026

Location: Beckman Institute, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Term: Fall 2026

Pay: \$15/hour | 10 hours per week | Flexible schedule

Application Deadline: September 9, 2026

About the Position

The Beckman Institute is looking for an enthusiastic and dependable student to help with outreach programming and events. If you are interested in science communication, working with kids and adults, and creating hands-on, engaging STEM programming, this is a great opportunity to gain experience in these areas.

You'll work with the communications and outreach teams to plan, create and implement STEM programming for K-12 students and the public. Additionally, you'll gain experience in large event planning when we organize our annual open house in the spring.

What You'll Do

- Assist in the organizing, planning, and facilitating of field trip, school visits, community events, etc. This would include our annual open house in the spring.
- Track volunteer, visitor, and tour data for outreach metrics
- Meet with researchers to develop and design new outreach activities
- Attend Boys and Girls Club programming (4-5:30 p.m.) once a week
- Assist with other outreach related tasks and duties as needed (ex. coordinating with labs/groups for events)
- Collaborate with members of the communications and outreach team to meet project deadlines

What We're Looking For

Must-Haves

- Comfort talking with researchers and learning about their work
- Enthusiasm in learning about science and science communication
- Ability to work independently, stay organized, and meet deadlines
- Professional communication skills and willingness to collaborate

Nice-to-Haves

- Experience working with K-12 students
- Coursework or experience in education or a STEM field
- Prior outreach experience

Details and Schedule

- \$15 per hour
- 10 hours each week
- Flexible schedule that fits around your classes
- Both in-person and remote work is available
- Position starts by the beginning of the Fall 2026 semester, with the option to continue into spring

How to Apply

Send your resume and a short cover letter to lkesler@illinois.edu by **September 9, 2026**.

Why Join Beckman?

You'll gain hands-on experience, learn new skills along the way, and contribute to projects that connect research with the wider community. If you enjoy working with others and finding creative ways to teach about STEM, we'd love to have you join the team!