

## Announcement for 2014-2015 NOSB Question Writing and Development Committee Participants

Are you a science teacher or a marine scientist with a strong interest in education? Are you interested in earning some money by working from home this summer?

***The National Ocean Sciences Bowl® (NOSB) is revamping its competition question writing process and is looking to hire science question writers during the summer of 2014 to write questions for our 2015 competitions.*** NOSB ([www.nosb.org](http://www.nosb.org)) is a national academic competition for high school students on marine sciences. The program is in its 18th year of exciting students about the ocean and inspiring them to pursue careers in a STEM field. We need your help to continue our strong impact.



We will be creating a committee of individuals with a strong collective knowledge of the ocean sciences – varying expertise in biology, chemistry, physics, geology, geography, technology, social science and marine policy - to write buzzer questions and Team Challenge Questions (TCQs) for the 2015 NOSB competitions.

The high school participants are tested at the college undergraduate level. Question writers will be asked to write questions that would be considered moderate or difficult for this level of student. Sample NOSB questions can be found at: <http://www.nosb.org/teams/sample-questions/>.

### Qualifications/Eligibility

- Degree (preferably masters or higher) in one of the sciences
- Experience teaching (preferably high school or under grad students)
- Comfort using databases and social network sites
- Possession of a personal computer and access to the Internet
- Ability to write and enter all 150 required questions in the database by September 8, 2014
- Ability to submit 6 TCQs by email by September 8, 2014
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with a team
- Must NOT be a current NOSB coach in 2015 (or plan to be in 2016) or have a direct connection with current NOSB participants
- Willingness to sign a confidentiality agreement
- High interest in staying up to speed on current ocean science research and issues
- Multi-year commitment desired

Each Question Writer can earn up to a \$1,000 stipend. Each question writer will receive a \$500 good faith payment for submitting all required questions by the September deadline (150 buzzers & 6 TCQs). Each question writer can receive up to an additional \$500 compensation, to be paid in December 2014, for the percentage of their submitted questions (both buzzers and TCQs) that are accepted by the NOSB Technical Advisory Panels.

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter and 3 sample buzzer questions and one sample TCQ to Amanda Holloway ([aholloway@oceanleadership.org](mailto:aholloway@oceanleadership.org)) by COB Wednesday, July 30, 2014.