

OLIVER HAZARD PERRY RHODE ISLAND THE PERRY CORPS

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

EQUITY, OPPORTUNITY AND RESILIENCY FOR ALL RHODE ISLANDERS

SUMMER PILOT PROGRAM

THE PERRY CORPS is a revolutionary workforce development program that pairs early career awareness with skills training and credentialing to support sustainable careers, ocean literacy, and civic engagement while promoting resiliency and economic growth in Rhode Island. Perry Corps programs are year-round programs targeting students transitioning between stages in their academic journey as they prepare to enter the workforce. These programs fill the gaps left by other training organizations by serving residents with programming designed to increase ocean literacy as they train for skilled jobs in the maritime cluster. Participants gain real-world experience in teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills while fulfilling requirements for domestic and internationally recognized maritime credentials. Traditionally, the Perry Corps culminates in an intensive month long experience aboard Sailing School Vessel (SSV) *Oliver Hazard Perry*. Using the ship as a training platform, Perry Corps participants learn the skills, knowledge, and professional credentials necessary for success not only in the Rhode Island maritime cluster, but also for opportunities in STEAM-based careers and other advanced industries while helping to spread ocean literacy and empowerment to the broader community.



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Recognizing the need to address the skills mismatch, opportunity vacuum and the need to be dynamic amid the challenges presented by COVID-19, OHPRI is launching a one month pilot version of the Perry Corps experience that seeks to offer many of the empowering experiences of our year-long program in an intense short format experience. Working and learning aboard the SSV *Oliver Hazard Perry*, as well as at the training facilities of our program partners, participants will graduate the program having completed entry level maritime credentialing, job preparedness training, and with a new awareness of how to help build the more resilient Rhode Island of tomorrow.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Realizing that cost is the single greatest obstacle to accessing opportunity, OHPRI is seeking sponsors so that no applicant need be turned away due to their inability to pay for the program. Tuition and program fees for each member of the Perry Corps total \$5000 and include all associated costs including meals and credentialing fees. Full and partial sponsorship opportunities are available.

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