



## Charles Wright Academy

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### Robotics Coach

**Posting Date:** April 25, 2019

**Application Deadline:** Open Until Filled

**Start Date:** September 2019

**About the School:** Charles Wright Academy (CWA), located on a beautiful, wooded 107-acre campus, serves students in Preschool through 12th grade. The only coeducational independent Preschool-12 school in Tacoma, Washington, CWA provides challenging, college preparatory academics that prepare students to thrive in college and in life. Equally important is a wide array of experiential education, artistic, athletic, and service opportunities that promote students' social-emotional development and provide avenues by which they discover and pursue their passions. Close, respectful, and trusting relationships between faculty and students result in an environment in which all community members embrace both the hard work and the joy inherent in the journey of intellectual and personal growth.

*Charles Wright Mission Statement: Charles Wright Academy provides a rigorous and dynamic liberal arts education built on the principles of excellence and compassion. Within an inclusive and globally aware learning community, we foster self-reliance, integrity, social responsibility, and humor, inspiring our students to discover within themselves the courage to achieve their personal best in mind, body, and spirit.*

**SUMMARY:** Charles Wright Academy is seeking two robotics coaches to lead the "Wright Angles," CWA's robotics team, in the 2019-2020 school year. The Wright Angles have 15-18 members in grades 7-12, who compete during the fall season in the FTC Maxwell League.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Coordinating with the FTC Maxwell League on registration, team requirements, challenge requirements, and other logistics;
- Leading some reach-out and fundraising for the team;
- Managing the team's budget and equipment;
- Ordering of robotics materials;
- Organization of robotics workspace;
- Coaching students through team dynamics and technical problem-solving; and
- Coaching students to collaborate, work through challenges, apply themselves to learning new skills, and understand that setbacks build persistence and help identify potential solutions.

Time supervising and coaching students includes:

- Three weekly practices, typically two hours a day (3:30-5:30);
- The team's launch event, when the challenge is revealed - typically a full-day commitment on a Saturday (usually the weekend after Labor Day);
- Three tournaments, a full-day commitment each time; and  
*\*There may be additional tournaments depending on the team's overall performance during the season*
- Occasional evening work sessions.

The team's regular season begins in early September and continues until Winter Break (mid-December). State qualifying teams continue until early February.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Dependable attendance at team events
- Builds positive, healthy, and appropriate relationships with students
- Some technical/STEAM background highly desirable, but robotics experience is certainly not required
- An ability and interest in learning new skills
- Coaching experience, with an approach that empowers students to do the work
- Enthusiasm for robotics and/or STEAM and/or creative problem-solving
- Communicates with student and parents around events

**SALARY/BENEFITS:** This is a non-benefited position. Coaches will be paid a stipend for the 2019/2020 season.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and a resume to:

Email: [humanresources@charleswright.org](mailto:humanresources@charleswright.org)

Mail: Attention Office of Human Resources at address above.

In-person application: Follow campus signs to "Upper School", using Upper School visitor parking. The Office of Human Resources is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.

No phone calls, please.

Charles Wright Academy is an Equal Opportunity Employer: M/F/V/D.