**American Alpine Club**

**Location**: Golden CO

**Position**: UIAA MQL Coordinator

**About the AAC**:

**Mission**

To support our shared passion for climbing and respect for the places we climb.

The AAC is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization supported by gifts and grants from individuals, corporations and foundations, income from restricted endowments, membership dues, and the sale of merchandise and publications.

**Website:** www.americanalpineclub.org

**The AAC and the UIAA**

The American Alpine Club is the member association of the UIAA in the United States. As such, we have diverse obligations to the International Union of Alpine Associations, one of which includes helping to disseminate UIAA instructor standards to volunteer climbing instructors in the United States.

At present, the AAC has only partially fulfilled that obligation by helping the AMGA SPI Program earn the endorsement of the UIAA in Single Pitch Sport Climbing and Single Pitch Traditional Climbing. There are 8 other instructor level categories that we hope to implement over the next 5 years. Those categories include mountain trekking (summer and winter), ice climbing, multipitch rock climbing (sport and trad), alpine climbing, canyoneering, and ski mountaineering.

Our main audience for these certification programs are America’s large regional mountain clubs, namely The Appalachian Mountain Club, The Colorado Mountain Club, The Mazamas, and The Mountaineers. The UIAA MQL Coordinator will help convene these major stakeholders, co-design certification standards and assessment procedures, and guide each MQL through a process of co-creation, ratification, internal audit, and external audit.

**Reporting Relationship:** The UIAA MQL Coordinator reports to the AAC Education Coordinator and the CEO. The MQL Coordinator has no direct reports but may be responsible for overseeing contracted auditors, instructors, and educators.

**Responsibilities include:**

* Research other UIAA MQL programs around the world and prepare summary presentations for stakeholders.
* Convene and facilitate Standards Committees from each club to co-create draft versions of the certifications.
* Coordinate revision and feedback from stakeholders.
* Audit pilot programs in Oregon, Washington, Colorado, and the Northeast
* Facilitate UIAA audit
* Maintain an internal database of certified individuals and continuing education requirements

**Desired Qualifications:**

* Post-secondary education in a related field
* AMGA training and certification in applicable categories (especially Rock)
* Staff training experience, Climbing Instructor training experience
* Curriculum design experience
* Project management experience
* Cultural competence
* Strong interpersonal and mediation abilities

**Compensation:** Initial compensation based on 3 month contract, bringing the role to the end of the fiscal year and the beginning of a strategic budgeting cycle. Full time salary to be negotiated after successful completion of 3 month contract. Contract salary: $11K. Full time Salary dependent on performance and experience. Excellent benefits.

**To Apply:**

Review the UIAA MQL documentation/descriptions on the UIAA website. Send a cover letter and resume to Ron Funderburke, Education Director American Alpine Club. Electronic submission preferred. rfunderburke@americanalpineclub.org