



The Dalio Ocean Initiative Mission Manager

Dalio Ocean Initiative seeks to recruit an individual to serve as Mission Manager to be based in Westport, CT, with regular working in New York.

About the Dalio Ocean Initiative

Dalio Ocean Initiative is a non-profit organization. They conduct pioneering ocean exploration and scientific discovery which they bring to the world through inspirational and educational media. Their goal is to evoke understanding, passion and stewardship of the world's oceans. They are intent on making a measurable difference in the way people experience and value the oceans and marine life. Their state-of-the-art research vessels enable manned expeditions into the ocean depths to reveal and document its wonders. Missions integrate scientific exploration with visual storytelling. The products of their efforts are original scientific research and immersive, multiplatform media productions. They are creating powerful experiences and seek global reach.

Mission Manager

This is a unique position within the Dalio Ocean Initiative which exists to ensure all aspects of vessel missions are well planned and executed. The Mission Manager plays a vital role in the program, responsible for the entire mission lifecycle from ideation through review. The individual will be responsible to the Vice-Chair for maximizing vessel utilization and developing missions that align with the program vision. The Mission Manager will also ensure that missions are executed in an excellent way, addressing any issues or risks that arise in a proactive manner.

The Mission Manager will liaise and co-ordinate with internal business units, including science and media operations, as well as external partners in both these domains. They will manage several direct reports to implement key mission enablers and maintain a strong pipeline of mission ideas. As such, excellent communication and leadership skills will be essential to the role.

The position requires a highly organized approach and calls for effective project management and planning skills. It is expected that the successful candidate will demonstrate a track record in complex project / program management and ideally would have experience in a marine or exploration related field.

The Mission Manager will ensure the goals of the program are met by:

- Program managing the full mission lifecycle.
- Owning the development and operation of mission-related processes.
- Orchestrating the enabling activities to ensure a full roster of missions that align to the program vision.
- Ensuring balance and synergy between Science, Media and Vessel aspects of each mission.
- Monitoring and communicating mission status, including escalation of key risks and issues.
- Providing oversight and direction to direct and indirect reports.

Professional Qualifications and Personal Attributes

The ideal professional qualifications and personal attributes the Mission Manager ought to possess are the following:

Professional Experience:

- Approximately 10 years of experience in a similar organization or domain, including project / program management.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and run complex projects in a fast-paced environment.
- Strong verbal and written communication and leadership skills.
- Degree educated, preferably to Master's level.

Personal Attributes:

- Highly organized and forward-thinking.
- Ability to shape and evolve designs.
- Self-aware, reflective and able to learn from mistakes.
- Ability to think strategically.

- Ability to deal with ambiguity.
- Machine-like approach to design and planning.
- Perceptive of existing and potential problems.
- Strong work ethic and willingness to travel to global mission locations.

Compensation

Compensation for the Mission Manager includes a competitive salary, and an excellent package of health and other employee benefits.

How to apply

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume responding specifically to the experience and qualifications being sought to: Daniel Sherman, President, Explore Company at resumes@explorecompany.com. Refer to DOI/MM in the subject line. No phone inquiries please.

All correspondence will remain confidential.