

Intern Project Description: Summer Environmental Education Intern

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The Estuary Partnership internship program helps college students and recent graduates meet education objectives in their degree programs, bring new perspectives to our work, and gain hands-on knowledge and skills to advance their career goals. Interns work in a variety of locations throughout the lower 146 miles of the Columbia River to help deliver the Estuary Partnership's summer on-water community education program. We place a priority on applications from students who come from or have experience with diverse populations and underserved communities, including communities of color and low-income communities.

Education Objectives

1. Gain hands-on experience in environmental education and delivering programs to youth and community members in outdoor and on-water settings.
2. Gain knowledge and experience in on-water safety and canoe paddling.
3. Gain experience researching and developing science curricula for K – 6 students.
4. Gain knowledge about the local lower Columbia River system, including native plants, watershed ecology, natural history, wildlife, and water quality.

Description of Work

- *Deliver Summer On-Water Community Education Program.* The Education Intern will assist with the delivery of our summer on-water community education program to help youth and adults access the outdoors and learn about local ecology. The program focuses on serving diverse populations, including underserved communities, communities of color, and low-income communities, and this year through a Metro Central Enhancement Grant the Metro Central target area (see map). The Education Intern will help lead on-water canoe trips with a focus on plants, watershed ecology, natural history, sustainable development, wildlife, and water quality. Trips also include "Paddle and Pull" events that involve both an on-water paddle and a habitat restoration project at a local natural area.
- *Water Safety Training.* The Education Intern will participate in a one-day training on canoe safety and water rescue through Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe provided by the Estuary Partnership, free of charge.
- *Partnership Development and Needs Assessment.* The Education Intern will help identify potential partners serving communities of color and assess needs and barriers to accessing local natural areas and outdoor education opportunities.
- *Develop Classroom and Field Programs.* The Education Intern will help refine or develop school year science-based classroom and field programs for elementary and middle school students, with a focus on creating culturally relevant and responsive curricula.

Duration and Time Commitment: The internship will start June 25, 2018 and conclude by August 16, 2018, not to exceed 210 hours of work, including training. The average workweek is 21 hours per week and a typical work schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, approximately 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. with occasional evening and weekends.

Compensation: \$15.00 per hour

Helpful Skills and Experience

- Experience or course work in education, experiential education, natural resource or watershed management, water quality, land use, marine sciences, biology, habitat conservation, or related field.
- Comfortable working with groups of people in a leadership role.
- Comfortable working as part of a team.
- Comfortable working outdoors, particularly on-water and in inclement weather.
- Experience working with diverse populations and underserved communities preferred.
- Fluency in Spanish desired.

Required Education

- Be a college student and have completed at least one year of college or a recent graduate.
- Have completed coursework in education or a science-related discipline, such as natural resource or watershed management, water quality, land use, marine sciences, biology, or habitat conservation.

Persons of color, women, people with disabilities, veterans, and LGBT people are encouraged to apply. The Estuary Partnership values differences and a racially diverse and culturally inclusive organization.

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Geographic Priority: *Funding for the Summer Environmental Education Intern comes from a Metro Community Enhancement Grant. These grants are designed to benefit the neighborhoods and residents of Forest Park, Cathedral Park and Linnton, the Northwest District Association and the Northwest Industrial Area, and an area directly adjacent to the St. Johns Bridge. Applicants who live [within this geography](#), particularly students of color or from underserved or low income communities, will be prioritized during the hiring process.*

To Apply

Please visit [our website](#) to fill out the online application form and submit a single PDF file that contains a **cover letter, resume, responses to application questions, and a letter of recommendation** from at least one professor or instructor (current students) or **two professional references** (graduates).

The cover letter should describe your qualifications, your experience working with diverse populations and underserved communities, and why you want this internship.

Application Deadline: Online applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018.

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