

Position Description: Environmental Education Internship (2019)

The Estuary Partnership Environmental Education Internship supports and mentors people 18 and older interested in the education fields. The Environmental Education Intern will gain hands-on knowledge; develop skills; engage with diverse students and community members; and work in variety of office and field settings, including on-water. The intern will be based out of the Estuary Partnership office with off-site travel throughout the Portland-Vancouver metro area and surrounding locations. Work typically takes place during the week with occasional weekend work as needed. In addition to gaining valuable job skills, the Environmental Education Intern will help the Estuary Partnership implement its summer student and community education programs. We encourage and prioritize applications from individuals who come from communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income communities.

Education Objectives

- Gain hands-on experience in teaching, education, and environmental education by delivering programs to youth and community members in outdoor and on-water settings.
- Gain knowledge and experience paddling, leading on-water trips, and in on-water safety.
- Gain experience researching and developing science curricula for K – 6 students.
- Gain knowledge about the lower Columbia River ecosystem, including native plants, natural history, wildlife, and water quality.
- Gain experience working with diverse populations and underserved communities.
- Gain experience working as part of a team.

Compensation

\$15.00 per hour

Helpful Skills and Experience

- Passion and experience working with youth and adults.
- Passion and interest speaking to and leading groups of youth and adults.
- Experience or course work in an education related field.
- Experience and interest in working with diverse populations and underserved communities.
- Fluency in Spanish helpful.
- Commitment to social, racial and environmental justice and the ability to apply these values in program delivery and curricula development.
- A valid driver's license (Estuary Partnership provides vehicles).

Description of Work

- Deliver On-Water Community Education Program: The Environmental Education Intern will help deliver our summer canoeing program. Canoe trips give youth and adults access to the outdoors and increase learning about local ecology. The program serves multiple, diverse populations, including communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income communities. The Environmental Education Intern will provide education on ecology, natural history, wildlife, and water quality. Trips may also include "Paddle and Pull" events that involve canoeing and removal of invasive plants.
- Deliver science lessons during outreach events: The Environmental Education Intern will participate in creating materials and delivering lessons designed to increase connections to nature.

- **Develop Education Curricula and Materials:** The Environmental Education Intern will participate in developing activities and refining education materials for elementary school students, with a focus on creating culturally relevant and responsive curricula.
- **Participate in Water Safety Training:** The Environmental Education Intern will participate in the Estuary Partnership's annual two-day, on-water, canoe safety, training course.
- **Conduct Partnership Development and Needs Assessment:** The Environmental Education Intern will help identify potential partners serving communities of color, Indigenous communities, and low-income communities and assess needs and barriers for those communities in accessing local natural areas and outdoor education opportunities.

Duration and Time Commitment

The internship will start mid-June 2019 and conclude in mid to late August 2019. The internship will not exceed 210 hours. The average workweek is 21 hours per week. A typical work schedule is Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Occasional evening and weekend work is required.