



Site Internship

Position type

Unpaid internship; credit hours given:

60 hours/term for 2 credits

120 hours/term for 4 credits

Hours flexible on a case by case basis for interns not seeking credit.

About the Arboretum

Mount Pisgah Arboretum is a 200+ acre nature education park where visitors can explore the ecology of the southern Willamette Valley. The Arboretum's seven miles of family-friendly trails feature dynamic, interactive learning stations that inspire further exploration, and the organization offers engaging nature education programs for all ages and interests. As a nonprofit, the Arboretum depends on support from members, donors, and volunteers to care for trails and facilities, and to provide learning opportunities for the community.

Habitats within the Arboretum include wetlands and riparian forest along the Coast Fork of the Willamette River, Oregon white oak savanna and woodlands, mixed and conifer forests on the hillsides, representing many native southern Willamette Valley ecosystems. These habitats are home to native trees, animals, mosses, lichens, fungi, and wildflowers.

We are looking for several enthusiastic individuals to assist in monitoring and restoring these habitats, as well as maintaining open park spaces, trails, and facilities throughout the Arboretum.

Learn more about us at www.mountpisgaharboretum.org.

Requirements

- Must be able to provide own transportation to and from the Arboretum
- Must be comfortable working outdoors in all weather conditions
- Must be able to comfortably and safely use hand tools including but not limited to shovels, hoes, pitchforks, loppers and hand saws
- Must be comfortable working with and around power tools like weed-whips
- Must finish required hours to receive credit by the end of the term

Responsibilities

Internship is tailored to intern interest. Tasks include:

- All interns will be trained on tractor, gator, chain saw, weed whacker
- Assisting with park maintenance
- Proper tool care and cleaning
- Native and invasive species identification
- Invasive species removal
- Trail restoration
- Composting and recycling
- Supporting our Fall Mushroom Festival and Spring Wildflower Festival (as seasonally applicable)

Qualified Applicants will have

- Interest in ecology, restoration, native plant sciences, and/or park and open space preservation
- Strong interest in environmental preservation and protection
- Comfort and enthusiasm in working alongside volunteers in accomplishing habitat restoration goals
- Knowledge of environmental topics
- Botany or restoration ecology background
- Plant identification or a willingness to learn
- Ability to work independently and practice sound decision-making

To apply, please send a resume and brief cover letter to habitat@mountpishgaharboretum.org by September 18th.