Garden & Village Building Convergence Internship

Apply by: January 6th, 2016
Time commitment: 4 hours/week
Duration: winter and spring term (through mid-June, 2016)
Compensation: $300 leadership award (will be deposited into student account each term)

Description

The Garden & Village Building Convergence (VBC) Intern will work closely with PSU’s Garden Coordinator at the Student Sustainability Center to maintain and design student-focused gardens and assist in the organization and facilitation PSU’s 2016 VBC project. The Intern’s winter responsibilities will focus on garden maintenance and will phase into VBC work as the year progresses. Priority gardens will include the PSU Community Orchard, Grazing Gardens and Oak Savanna. Some combination of event organizing, hands-on, and administrative work will be required. Must be willing to commit to regular office work including responding to emails and other requests promptly.

On-campus project priorities:
1. Assist in the design and implementation of garden designs for herb spirals and garden beds in the Grazing Garden.
2. Co-host and assist in work parties and workshops.
3. Ongoing garden maintenance and weeding in the Grazing Gardens and the Orchard.
4. Individual projects based on intern’s particular interests and ideas.

VBC responsibilities:
1. Attend most weekly VBC meetings (held on Thursday nights).
2. Attend weekly or bi-monthly PSU VBC meetings, dates TBD.
3. Engage in community outreach to draw volunteers and interest from the PSU community.
4. Communicate with partners (designers, builders, distributors) involved with PSU’s Village Building Convergence project.
5. Attend and assist in the facilitation of PSU’s VBC project (will take place between June 3rd and 12th of 2016).

Required Qualifications

● Expects to maintain good academic standing:
  ○ Undergraduate students: complete at least 6 undergraduate PSU credit hours per term and maintain 2.75 or higher cumulative institutional GPA
  ○ Graduate students: complete at least 5 graduate credit hours per term and maintain 3.0 or higher cumulative institutional GPA
● Positive attitude and ability to work as part of a dynamic learning team.
● Applicants must have strong communication skills and a desire to increase and demonstrate leadership and facilitation skills.
Preferred qualifications:
- Minimum of one term participation in the Sustainability Volunteer Program or other Student Sustainability Center program.
- Prior gardening, permaculture, natural building, native habitat, or sustainability experience.

To Apply
Please submit your resume (including your student ID number) and a brief description (1 page max) describing why you are interested in this position to Audrey Rycwicz, Garden Coordinator, at rycwic2@pdx.edu. Please add “Internship Application” in the subject line.

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