Cultivating Confident, Creative, Compassionate Leaders

Outdoor Education Intern

Kairos is creating a Learning and Exploration Garden, and we are seeking an intern to support curriculum development and garden maintenance! Help our students develop environmental literacy and become conservation leaders through hands-on exploration in wild landscapes and cultivated spaces.

KairosPDX is a non-profit organization focused on delivering excellent, equitable education to underserved children, their families and their communities. Through innovative pedagogy, community collaboration and family partnership we are closing Portland's persistent achievement gap in measurable, sustainable ways.

Core Responsibilities:
- Collaborate with Kairos staff to integrate outdoor education into the Kairos curriculum
- Work with students in garden exploration that incorporates sustainability and environmental science topics
- Support maintenance of garden
- Help create a planting schedule, in collaboration with students and faculty
- Provide updates for newsletter on activity
- Research and support grant writing for potential funding sources or partnerships
- Engaging with community members and partnered organizations
- Review the Portland Climate Action Plan to develop an understanding of local climate issues and their connection the organization’s work
- Attend and participate in Climate Action Collaborative networking events
- Regularly communicate with supervisor and the Intern Coordinator regarding progress and any issues that arise

Preferred Qualifications:
- Experience gardening or building
- Knowledge of environmental science, plant biology, and/or food science
- Experience teaching or working with elementary-aged children
- Understanding of, and experience working with diverse populations
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Highly organized and attention to detail
- Proficient with Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel etc.)

Requirements:
- Be able to pass a criminal background check
- Attend a New Ambassador Orientation
- Commit to a consistent schedule each week
- Bring Kairos values into all interactions with students
Benefits:
- Become part of the solution to help children grow in a nurturing environment and develop skills for success in school and life
- Form relationships with staff and other volunteers

Application:
This position requires current enrollment as a PSU student. To confirm that you are formally admitted and enrolled, please email your full name and student ID to careerconnect@pdx.edu. Include the name of the internship you are applying for in the subject line. Once your status is confirmed, you will receive the full application instructions via email.

New application deadline: January 15th, 2016 (open until filled; review of applications to begin January 6th)

Duration and Time Commitment: winter and spring terms (January 25th – June 10, 2016) 10-12 hours per week. Hours may vary depending on student or organization needs.

Compensation: graduate students: $500 per month/$1,500 per term; undergraduate students: $400 per month/$1200 per term (prorated for number of days worked).

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