Renewable Energy Research Internship

The Organization:
The Renewable Northwest Project (http://www.rnp.org/) is a nonprofit advocacy group based in Portland, OR. RNP is a coalition of environmental and consumer groups, renewable energy developers and other associated businesses that promote the implementation of clean, renewable energy in the Northwest region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana). We work to get proposed wind, solar and geothermal projects into the ground, push for policies promoting renewables and energy efficiency, and nurture markets for renewable energy.

The Internship:
The intern will assist RNP staff in the area of utility integrated resource plan analysis, including:

- Review regional utility integrated resource plans (IRP’s) to gather information on cost assumptions used by utilities to calculate rates for various energy resources (wind, natural gas, solar, etc.), and transmission / integration services;
- Analyze the data collected and develop a set of best practices for utilities in the IRP cost assumption calculations;
- Work with RNP staff to develop a fact sheet or other materials that can be used to educate various audiences on the findings of the research.

Qualifications:
Candidates must be registered and enrolled at Portland State University in a graduate program. Ideal candidates should have excellent research and writing skills and have an understanding of renewable energy and/or Northwest energy issues. Experience with Microsoft Word and Excel required.

RNP strives to create internships that provide opportunities for interns to learn about the many aspects of the work we do. Inclusion in meetings and regular contact with staff is encouraged to provide an understanding of the barriers to renewable development in the region and the opportunities for meeting our goals. The intern will be expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and comply with the organization’s casual business attire dress code and policies.

Compensation:
This position is being funded through a generous grant from the Institute for Sustainable Solutions to support sustainability. Compensation is $500 per month (depending on the day and month that you begin the internship) and will end on June 30, 2014. The intern will be expected to work 12-15 hours per term. The actual number of internship hours may vary depending on student or organization needs.

Deadline to Apply:
Review of applications will begin immediately. Final deadline to apply is Monday, March 10, 2014

Application:
This position requires current enrollment as a PSU graduate student. To confirm that you are formally admitted and enrolled, please email your full name and student ID to vancem@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.