

Habitat Restoration Intern Willamette Riverkeeper Internship - Summer 2021

The focus of the 2021 Internship at Willamette Riverkeeper is to enable college students and college age students with an interest in Environmental Science and related areas to gain hands-on knowledge of Willamette River issues and management practices. Interns will also gain a basic knowledge of environmental management and laws. Interns will complete a combination of active field work, study of invasive and native plants, and study of Willamette River Greenway sites.

The Internship will typically of: 3 days each week working with WR staff, Board, and/or volunteers related to WR's work on water quality, habitat, and related areas such as the Willamette River Water Trail.

Internship Goals and Responsibilities:

- Work with WR staff to gain knowledge about the field of habitat restoration; learn about funding, reporting, planting natives, invasive species control, and more.
- Paddling canoes is an essential part of the transportation along the river. The internship will include 2-3 overnight trips for interns where they will dig in on some of the key river issues and needs at individual sites along the river. WR will provide instruction, gear, and food for river trips which will include a staff member and volunteers.
- Assist with outreach to the general public during days our contractors are doing aquatic invasive species reduction.
- Help survey the Willamette River for aquatic invasive species via canoe or kayak, training provided. Log data into the Fulcrum crowd-sourced database.
- Support the documentation of photopoints that demonstrate restoration gains.
- If intern has GIS skills, help create maps & diagrams of current and future work.
- WR will help coordinate transportation to given sites, by car and canoe.

Our intent is to keep the internship flexible, planning ahead a couple of weeks in advance from late June through mid-September to determine the schedule and work actions along the river.

This internship seeks to provide an opportunity to learn about Willamette Riverkeeper's mission, work, and programs, gain a greater knowledge of the river and its ecosystems, and learn how to use the tools of the trade, from canoes to power tools to camp gear. Objectives of this internship and responsibilities outlined for interns may change due current and changing restrictions due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Pay Rate: \$2,000

To Apply please send a resume and cover letter to Richard Dickinson,
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