

Employment Opportunities

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Wildlife Monitoring Intern

- Status:** Multiple part-time positions
These are unpaid internships
- Department:** Sustainability Center
- Work location:** 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, Oregon and various Metro natural areas throughout the tri-county area
- Application deadline:** Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.
- Time commitment:** Interns are expected to average 10 hours of work a week. Additional hours are available if desired. Some weekend availability is required in order to best support volunteer involvement.
- Wildlife Monitoring Interns are needed January through April, during amphibian breeding season. A commitment for that entire time period is preferred, the schedule will be flexible.
- A volunteer training for amphibian egg mass monitoring will be scheduled for the start of the field season (normally early February). Attendance at this training is expected.

Purpose and goals of position

These interns help administer a volunteer-mediated wildlife monitoring program focused on pond-breeding amphibians. The data collected from this program helps Metro track key wildlife populations and evaluate the effectiveness of restoration at specific Metro natural areas. The intern will gain experience both in the field and an office environment. Guidance is received by the Senior Science Analyst or Natural Resource Scientist

Intern duties and responsibilities

- Acts as a liaison between Metro staff and volunteers, providing the necessary motivation and guidance to ensure that assigned sites are properly monitored, safety rules are followed, and volunteers contribute useful data to the program.
- Conducts occasional site visits and perform monitoring as needed and requested.
- Collect sand process data from volunteers and submit reports in a timely manner.

Required skills, qualifications and education

- Good interpersonal communication skills both written and oral.
- Flexible and cooperative, with the ability to work as part of a team and independently.
- Good organization skills and logistical coordination.
- Understanding of, or interest in, basic biology, ecology, and natural history.
- Self-directed, responsible, with great follow-through on commitments.
- Comfortable working outdoors and in adverse conditions including rain, cold weather, dust, heat and pollen.
- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Capable of performing strenuous physical labor that includes bending, twisting, walking over uneven terrain and lifting up to 20 pounds.
- A commitment to the environment and sustainability.

Training provided:

- On-the-job training related to monitoring techniques and data systems
- Basic GIS Overview
- First Aid/CPR
- Nature education courses available

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To apply, submit the following

1. Resume
2. Cover Letter
3. References: please provide two or three, including names, addresses, current daytime telephone numbers and the nature of your relationship with the reference. Written references are not required, but may be included at the applicant's option
4. Funding source information, if applicable

Submit your application

E-mail:

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Please include the word "Application" in the subject line of your e-mail. Electronic attachments must be in MS Word or PDF format. We are unable to download ZIP files.

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