

OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Internship Title: Early Childhood Education Intern Department: Museum Education
Reports To: Early Childhood Educators

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY:

The Science Playground and Discovery Lab are OMSI's areas where young children are able to learn and explore in fun, educational settings. Interns in this area assist staff in the planning, development and presentation of activities and maintenance of the space; assist parents and children in experiencing the activities and exhibits; and help to ensure the safety of our youngest visitors and their families.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Interact with visitors to help them explore and learn from exhibits and lab activities.
- Share accurate science and museum information with guests.
- Assist in the development, presentation, maintenance, and clean up of daily hands-on educational activities.
- Maintain a safe and secure environment for visitors and staff.
- Be prepared to be trained and work in other science halls or labs as needed.
- Assume other tasks and responsibilities as assigned by the Hall Educators.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be dependable and punctual, and be willing to commit to a schedule.
- Must present a professional personal appearance.
- Must be able to bend and stoop as needed to help maintain appearance, integrity, and safety of the area.
- Strong communication and customer service skills.
- Ability to present science process and content in an engaging way to a broad age range.
- Ability to take initiative.
- Ability to teach and model adult-child interactions for positive early learning experiences.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Working toward or completion of a degree in early childhood education, child development, education, museum education, child psychology, social work or science with college coursework in early childhood education or child and family studies preferred.
- Experience working with the public and/or young children highly desirable.

COMMITMENT:

8-16 hours per week, 3-6 months. Interns are currently needed for Sundays and Thursdays.

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