OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Internship Title: Youth Advisory Council Coordinator
Department: Program Research & Development
Reports To: Program Developer

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY: The Youth Advisory Council Coordinator will assist OMSI in the further development and facilitation of a Native American youth advisory council created in partnership with the Portland Public Schools (PPS) Indian Education Office. The youth advisory council is a three-year program designed to incorporate the perspectives of local Native American youth into the design and development of a traveling museum exhibition focusing on Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Environmental Sciences. The ideal candidate will have a background and interest in Native American studies and culture as well as experience working with youth in an educational capacity.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Communicate regularly with OMSI and the PPS Indian Education Office staff to coordinate meeting times, locations and activities.
- Research and implement activities for youth council meetings.
- Make connections with the local Native American community in an effort to find speakers, activities and other opportunities for group meetings.
- Work with the OMSI exhibit development team to identify and coordinate opportunities for youth involvement in the exhibit design and development process.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS:

- Excellent communication, organizational, and writing skills.
- Ability to speak in front of large groups.
- Cultural competency skills.
- Ability to work well with youth.
- Interest in science learning.
- Ability to work effectively on a team as well as work independently.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Experience working with youth in an educational setting (either formal or informal).
- Ideally, applicants should have a high level of cultural competency in relation to the local Native American community.

TIME COMMITMENT:
Minimum of 8 hours per week for 6 months

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