



## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Center for Innovation Intern  
Reports To: Turbine Hall Assistant Manager

Department: Museum Education  
Location of Workspace: Turbine Hall

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### POSITION SUMMARY:

Museum Education interns are in the halls and labs of OMSI where they facilitate hands-on science experiences and inspire museum guests to make amazing connections with science through activities, demonstrations, and informal interactions. Interns assist Museum Education staff in the regular presentation and development of the museum halls and labs.

This summer internship position is for the Center for Innovation (C4I) and reports to the Turbine Hall Assistant Manager. OMSI's Center for Innovation is a new area of the museum with our new exhibit space opening in late spring 2019! In the C4I, museum guests participate in Design Challenges—activities where they design and test solutions to solve personal, local, and global challenges. As an intern in this area, you will primarily facilitate these hands-on Design Challenges with visitors of all ages. You will also participate in a collaborative program to learn about best methods for facilitating, designing, and prototyping design-based, informal education activities with the public and help to design, develop, and test prototype activities in all C4I areas.

For best consideration, please submit your summer internship application by **April 10, 2019**. Applications submitted after that date will only be reviewed if unfilled positions remain.

### EXPERIENCES THE INTERNSHIP WILL PROVIDE:

- Facilitation of hands-on design and engineering activities and interactions with museum guests of all ages
- Working in a collaborative environment with paid and unpaid staff of a variety of ages, experiences, and backgrounds
- Participation in Design Challenge development and prototyping with other C4I interns and OMSI staff from a variety of departments—from museum educators to evaluators to exhibit designers—and learning what goes into a great, hands-on design and/or engineering activity

### KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

*What we are looking for:*

- Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills
- Self-directed and willing to take initiative
- Creative, imaginative, and collaborative
- Desire and/or ability to present science, design, and engineering processes and content in an engaging way to a broad age range
- Present a professional personal appearance
- Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a schedule



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### *Training you will receive:*

- General informal science education philosophies and pedagogy
- Facilitation best practices, including how to facilitate intergenerational communication, gauge and respond to guests' social and educational goals, and cultivate learner-driven investigations
- Culturally responsive facilitation strategies
- Museum safety and emergency response
- General interactive exhibit and activity development skills and practices

### **SCHEDULE:**

- Schedule depends on needs of the lab or hall, but will be regular and predictable week to week.
- Minimum of 16 hours per week for at least 12 weeks.
- Since the museum is open 7 days per week in the summer, our preference is for both weekend and weekday availability, especially Sundays through Thursdays.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Recognizing and promoting of science process skills in informal education
- Fostering learner-driven investigations
- Negotiating facilitator and visitor goals
- Cultivating reflective facilitation practices
- Supporting culturally responsive facilitation techniques
- Gaining knowledge of museum culture and practices
- Designing, evaluating, and reiterating hands-on activities
- Learning team-based inquiry evaluation methods

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

To apply and submit your [online application](#), along with a resume and cover letter. As part of the hiring process you may be invited to interview. If hired you will need to complete a background check.