OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Internship Title: Chemistry Lab Intern
Reports To: Senior Educator, Chemistry Lab
Department: Museum Education

SUMMARY OF POSITION:
OMSI’s Chemistry Lab is the first hands-on wet chemistry lab experience in a science museum in the nation. Visitors to the lab put on goggles and experience a variety of topics in chemistry using actual chemistry tools and chemicals. An intern in the Chemistry Lab will assist education staff in the maintenance and development of the Chemistry Lab; facilitate visitors’ learning experiences with informal interactions, demonstrations, and activities; and may have opportunities to assist with teaching classes or other special events. At the supervisor’s discretion, some of the intern’s time may be spent on special projects.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Assist in the presentation, maintenance, and possible development of daily activities.
• Maintain the integrity and appearance of lab activities and exhibits.
• Maintain a safe and secure environment for visitors and staff.
• Interact with visitors to help them explore and learn from exhibits and lab activities.
• Share accurate science and museum information with visitors.
• Help train, coach, and supervise Chemistry Lab volunteers.
• Assume tasks and responsibilities as assigned by the Senior Educator.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS:
• Interest in chemistry and science education.
• Familiarity and comfort with chemical handling and chemical safety.
• Willing to say the same things over and over in an enthusiastic manner.
• Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills.
• Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
• Able and eager to present science process and content in an engaging way to a broad age range.
• Able to stand for extended periods of time.
• Must present a professional personal appearance.
• Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a schedule.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:
• Working toward or have completed a BA/BS in chemistry, other science field, or education preferred, with college coursework in chemistry.
• Experience working with the public, including children and families, in formal or informal educational settings highly desirable.

TIME COMMITMENT:
Minimum of 8 hours/week for at least three months. Extension of internship negotiable.

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APPLICATION DEADLINES:
OMSI’s Science Education internships have specific application deadlines for each season. These deadlines are:

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While applications only need to be submitted by the deadline in order to be fully considered, early applications are encouraged.

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