OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

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

INTERNship SUMMARY:
The Science Playground and Discovery Lab are OMSI's areas where children ages 0-6 and their families are able to learn and explore in hands-on, science-based settings. The Early Childhood Education Intern assists education staff in the daily functioning and maintenance of the Science Playground, while providing a safe and fun learning environment for our youngest visitors and their families. 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 and resetting of daily activities and special demonstrations in Science Playground and the Discovery Lab.
- Interact with a diverse population of learners to help them explore exhibits and activities.
- Support volunteer staff by modeling excellent visitor engagement and providing training and coaching.
- Share accurate science and museum information with guests.
- Maintain a safe environment, including using OMSI radios to cover Science Playground when educators are absent.
- Assume additional tasks and responsibilities as assigned by the educators.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills.
- Interest in early childhood education and child development; Excitement about sharing this information with adult visitors.
- Eager to present science process and content in an engaging way to young children.
- Self-motivated and able to ask for more direction when needed.
- Ability to teach and model adult-child interactions for positive early learning experiences.
- Must be able to bend and stoop as needed to maintain integrity, appearance, and safety of the area.
- Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a schedule.
- Must present a professional personal appearance.
- Willing to say the same things over and over in an engaging and enthusiastic manner.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:
- Working toward a degree in early childhood education, child development, education, or science with college coursework in early childhood education.
- Experience working with the public and/or young children 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 Early Childhood Education internship has 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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