OREGON MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Life Science Education Intern
Department: Museum Education
Reports To: Senior Educator, Life Science

SUMMARY OF POSITION:
The Life Science Lab provides visitors an opportunity to explore various topics in biology. The lab houses a variety of live animals such as rats, snakes, lizards and insects. This position has two main roles: (1) facilitate the visitors’ learning experiences with informal interactions, demonstrations, and lab activities, and (2) assist with maintenance of the lab, such as animal care.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Maintain integrity and appearance of hall and lab exhibits on a daily basis. This includes animal care, lab cleaning, and assistance with opening and closing procedures.
• Interact with visitors to help them explore and learn from exhibits and lab activities.
• Share accurate science and museum information with visitors.
• Maintain a safe and secure environment for visitors.
• Help train, coach, and supervise Life Science Lab volunteers.
• Be prepared to be trained and work in other science halls or labs as needed.
• Assume tasks and responsibilities as assigned by the Senior Educator.

KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS:
• Basic knowledge and interest in Life Science – Biology, Anatomy, Zoology, etc.
• Comfortable working with and handling live animals.
• Strong communication, customer service and problem solving skills.
• Ability to present science process and content in an engaging way to a broad age range.
• Self-directed and willing to take initiative.
• Able to stand for extend periods of time.
• Must be dependable and punctual, and be willing to commit to a schedule.
• Must present a professional personal appearance.

EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE:
• Working toward or having a BA/BS in science or education with college course work in science.
• Experience working with the public in formal or informal educational settings highly desirable.

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

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