School Garden Project of Lane County
Position: Garden Educator Intern
Location: Eugene, OR
Department(s): ENVS, PPPM

Overview: The School Garden Project of Lane County (SGP) is a non-profit organization located in Eugene, OR which has been serving the Lane County community since 2001. SGP is a leader in on-site environmental education and helps local schools to build and maintain vegetable gardens which are used to teach students about gardening, science, healthy eating and local food systems. SGP conducts in-school and after-school educational garden programs in three local school districts during the fall and spring as well as supports more than 40 educational institutions annually through other services including distribution of starts and seeds, site visits and consultations, and by sharing and training educators in the use of our comprehensive curriculum.

Position Responsibilities: Interns will learn to assist and lead science based garden education sessions at local schools. During education sessions, we bring out one class of (28-35) students into the garden for an education session which also promotes basic gardening skills and serves as an introduction to healthy eating. Interns are responsible for leading a small group of students (8-12) through an activity which supports the science concept for the day which could include, garden tasks, educational games, inquiry activities and tasting garden crops. Interns must commit to supporting staff at two schools during the same day/time on a weekly basis. Depending on interest, interns can also help with garden maintenance, work parties, media outreach, curriculum development and other related office tasks.

Anticipated hours/week: 6-12

Duration: October 1st – December 18th

Qualifications: Some prior experience with basic gardening skills or professional experience working with elementary aged children would be helpful but is not required for this internship. We are looking for interns who are self-directed and able to work as a team and ask questions. Interns must be available for a minimum of 6 hours per week during in-school hours (Mon-Fri 8:00am-3:00pm).

Application: Please send resume and letter of interest to Elizabeth Goward at: Elizabeth@schoolgardenproject.org. For more information about our programs, please visit www.schoolgardenproject.org, or email info@schoolgardenproject.org.