Position Title: Internship: Environmental Educator
Organization Name: School Garden Project of Lane County
Location: Eugene, OR and surrounding areas
Website: www.schoolgardenproject.org

Work Schedule: M-F 8:00am-5:00pm

Hours per Week: 4-6

Duration: Fall Term

Compensation: Unpaid Internship

Start Date: 9/30/2017
End Date: 12/15/2017

Overview: This position will help you to prepare for working with students in primary school through providing hands on experience in outdoor education. The weekly commitment is 1.5-2 hours and will take place during the same day/time for 10-12 weeks depending on the school you are working with. Over the past 5 years, dozens of UO Alumni have gained employment post college with references from our program.

School Garden Project is regarded as the primary resource in Lane County for educators seeking to establish garden learning programs. School Garden Project is the only nonprofit organization in the region that specializes in delivering comprehensive, school day, garden-based education. By providing instructional staff, volunteers and a high-quality curriculum at a low cost to schools, we enhance and extend classroom studies without adding to the workload of participating teachers.

Our main services include our In-School and After School Education Programs and our Support Services Program. Through our in-school program, we partner with 14 schools in three districts to provide specialized instruction in garden-based learning. School Garden Project implements and provides curriculum which meets the recently adopted Next Generation Science Standards. Our after school program delivers "STEM in the Garden" at four undeserved schools in the Eugene 4J district. Using standards-based lessons, we strive for balance between garden fun and academic rigor as part of 4J’s support program for at-risk students in elementary and middle school.
Position: 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.

Qualifications:  
* 1 year of completed course work  
* Ability to work in an outdoor setting  
* Ability to use developmentally appropriate language while working with youth  
* Experience working with youth is a plus!

How to Apply: Please fill out our online Internship Application at https://www.schoolgardenproject.org/volunteer-application/ including your Resume and a Letter of Interest. If you have further questions, contact Lucy Miner at lucy@schoolgardenproject.org