Native Plant Nursery Intern

Help Enhance Prairie and Riparian Habitat by Participating in an Internship at the Parks and Open Space Division’s Native Plant Nursery!

We are looking for student interns during the spring, summer and fall terms to help plant native seeds, transplant seedlings, care for mature plants, and assist with seed collection and cleaning.

The Native Plant Nursery is located in Alton Baker Park, just across the river from the UO campus. It is easily accessible on foot or bike via the bike/pedestrian bridge that crosses over the Willamette River.

All you need is a strong interest in learning more about native plants, how they help enhance our natural areas, and how to go about growing them to be planted out into City natural areas.

Students interested in the Native Plant Nursery Intern should send a resume and cover letter describing how this internship fits with your educational/career goals to Kelsey Irvine at kelsey.c.irvine@ci.eugene.or.us. For more information contact Kelsey at 541-228-8488.
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Volunteer Intern Position Description

Purpose:
Native Plant Nursery interns are volunteers that assist the Native Plant Nursery Technician with some of the more technical aspects of nursery operations at the City’s Native Plant Nursery at Alton Baker Park.

Essential Duties:
- Assist with detail oriented aspects of nursery operations, including the planting native seeds, transplanting of delicate seedlings, and bed/nursery maintenance.
- Assist with seed collection and seed cleaning.
- Assist with plant labeling, inventory, and other data collection.
- Assist with outreach/education efforts.
- Maintain good working relationships with City staff and volunteers/interns.
- Perform additional tasks as requested.

Required knowledge, skills, and abilities:
- Strong interest in or knowledge of native plants and their propagation techniques.
- Ability to follow instructions and pay attention to detail, especially with propagation and seed collection guidelines.
- Willingness to work in inclement weather conditions.
- Ability to be flexible, cooperative, and to work as part of a group or individually.
- Commitment to being respectful of others at all times.
- Capacity to provide their own transportation to the Native Plant Nursery.
- Ability to perform light gardening type work, including kneeling, bending, digging, hauling wheel barrows, and lifting 1 gallon-size pots.

Time Commitment:
Time commitments can be geared to meet the needs of each intern to the degree that the days and times match the Native Plant Nursery Technician’s work schedule.

Training Provided:
On-the-job training will be provided in the areas of native plant identification and propagation, seed collection and cleaning.

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