
Nearby Nature Land Steward Internship

Location: Alton Baker Park in Eugene, Oregon Updated 7-21-25

Nearby Nature seeks seasonal Land Steward Interns (fall, winter, spring, summer) to assist with projects through which they will gain experience in organic gardening, ecological restoration, and public park stewardship. Work will happen in both Alton Baker Park and Nearby Nature's Learnscape garden and outdoor classroom.



At Nearby Nature, individuals with varied backgrounds, life experiences, and abilities are valued and encouraged to thrive. We are excited to teach – as well as learn from – all program interns and volunteers.

Responsibilities:

- Help maintain our Learnscape Garden and Outdoor Classroom (our native plant garden, food forest, annual vegetable beds, and outdoor natural play spaces)
- Support priority habitat restoration projects in the Whilamut Natural Area of Alton Baker Park
- Provide logistical support and leadership for volunteers during work parties
- Assist with park litter patrol Action Walks
- Work on graffiti abatement for our bridge mural as part of the TAG Team (Taskforce Against Graffiti)

While specific work varies by season, the Land Steward Internship offers experience in plant identification and cultivation, control of invasive plants, seasonal garden planning and maintenance, park clean-up, and the safe use and maintenance of common garden and restoration tools. Interns participate in hands-on learning about ecology, soil science, water quality, volunteer coordination, public lands management, and more.

Qualifications:

- Enjoy spending time outdoors in all-weather/okay with getting dirty and/or wet
- Strong work ethic and ability to work with groups as well as independently
- Knowledgeable about or eager to learn about native ecology and restoration/gardening techniques
- Available for weekly check-in meetings and occasional weekend events
- Able to spend 3-6 hours on your feet (with appropriate breaks)
- Positive energy, sense of humor
- Commitment to sustainable living

Credit Options/Stipends for Student Interns: Students are welcome to arrange credit if desired through individual professors, the UO Holden Center, the UO Career Development Center, the LCC Cooperative Education Program, or other appropriate local college departments.

Time Commitment: This internship requires a commitment of 3-12 hours on average per week and is available seasonally (fall, winter, spring, summer). Internship hours will be completed as per an agreed-upon schedule, Mondays through Fridays, between 8 am and 5 pm (with the potential for occasional weekend work parties). Hours will be completed in three to six-hour shifts, depending upon the arranged schedule.



How to Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, and references (as PDFs) to programs@nearbynature.org. Internship interviews and position confirmations happen on a rolling basis as applications are received. Nearby Nature is an equal opportunity employer and we especially encourage people from non-traditional backgrounds, historically marginalized, or underrepresented groups to apply.

Questions: 541-687-9699 or programs@nearbynature.org.