

Native Plant Nursery 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.

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 call Kelsey at 541-228-5349 (no texts please).