



# Environment Oregon Internships

## Environment Oregon:

Environment Oregon is a statewide, grassroots environmental advocacy organization dedicated to protecting Oregon's clean water, clean air, and open spaces. We coordinate with sister organizations across the country to win critical environmental protections at the national level, and work here in Oregon to promote responsible environmental stewardship. Combining independent research, grassroots mobilization, and tough-minded advocacy, our staff stand up to special interests to produce real results for Oregon's environment.

## Campaigns

Winter 2018 Interns will work on one of our campaigns:

- **Act on Climate, Oregon:** This February, Oregon lawmakers will be considering a proposal called "Clean Energy Jobs" that will establish a cap and invest program that sets a limit on Oregon's global warming pollution and makes polluters pay for their emissions. Environment Oregon will be working this winter to show legislators support from the public, students and other key constituencies.
- **Get the Lead Out:** Lead is a potent neurotoxin that affects how our children develop, learn and behave. Unfortunately lead in the drinking water in schools is a pervasive problem across Oregon. Environment Oregon is running a public education campaign to give parents and other concerned citizens the resources they need while calling on state leaders to tackle this important health crisis and protect Oregon's kids.
- **100% Renewable Energy:** We all know that burning oil, gas, and coal has polluted our air, water, and land for decades - and now it's changing the climate even faster than scientist feared it would. We know we can have healthier communities right now and a livable future for ourselves and generations to come. But to get there, we must transform the way we produce and consume energy. That's got to start with a commitment to 100% clean, renewable energy. Environment Oregon is working on college campuses and communities across the state to build support for action at the campus, local and state level.

## The Internship

The internship is designed to help train the next generation of environmental leaders by instilling the skills, ethics, and drive it takes to win campaigns. We are looking for people who work hard, communicate effectively, and are dedicated to positive social change; responsibilities include grassroots organizing, media outreach and organizational building. Interns will have the opportunity to develop and execute campaign strategies for winning critical parts of our state-wide efforts. Specific responsibilities include:

### Grassroots Organizing:

- 1) Identifying and organizing businesses, local leaders, and citizens to promote environmental protections
- 2) Media outreach: Assist in organizing a press event and writing letters to local papers
- 3) Collecting petitions, running activist phone-banks, and using our network to pressure on local leaders directly

### Organization Building:

- 1) News Watch: Track media for stories and opinion pieces relevant to our campaign and organization
- 2) Donor Research: Identifying strong supporters and building the organization through grassroots outreach
- 3) Maintaining reports on local political climate, researching opportunities for environmental progress
- 4) Administrative: Help ensure the office and organization continue to run efficiently

### Expectations:

Interns must work a minimum of 15-20 hours per week for at least 10 weeks on a regular schedule, as determined at the beginning of the fall. Interns must be on time and prepared. They must be able to work independently as well as in groups. This is an unpaid internship; it may be completed for college credit. Send resume & cover letter to Celeste Meiffren-Swango at [celeste@environmentoregon.org](mailto:celeste@environmentoregon.org).