

Willamette Riverkeeper Internship - Summer 2023

Habitat Restoration Intern

The focus of this internship is to provide future restoration professionals and those interested in floodplain ecology with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience with challenges and management practices associated with the Willamette River Basin. Interns will assist with a wide variety of tasks including hands-on field work, river surveys, study of invasive and native plants, and will gain familiarity with Willamette River Greenway sites.

This is a seasonal, part-time position and will typically include two-three days each week working with Willamette Riverkeeper (WR) staff, board, and/or volunteers related to the organization's work on water quality, habitat, and related areas like the Willamette River Water Trail. Due to the range of work that we do, this position is considered hybrid and the intern will be expected to work both from home, in the field and/or at the office when necessary.

Internship Goals and Responsibilities:

- Work with WR staff and experience the field of habitat restoration; learn about grant funding, data collection, native plant species, invasive species control, riparian ecosystems, and more.
- Paddle experience on water by canoe or kayak is strongly preferred. Paddling is essential for our access to sites where we conduct surveys, remove invasive plant populations, and camp.
- Join 1-2 overnight trips including [Paddle Oregon](#) to gain knowledge about each sector of work within our organization and the current and future issues facing the Willamette River Basin. WR will provide gear and food for river trips which will include all staff members and volunteers.
- Assist with outreach to the general public through on water events, educational materials and tabling at project sites.
- Help survey the Willamette River for aquatic invasive species via canoe or kayak. Log data into a GIS crowd-sourced database.
- Support the documentation of photopoints that demonstrate restoration progress.
- Depending on GIS experience, help create maps & diagrams of current and future work.
- WR will try and help coordinate transportation to specified sites, by car and canoe but personal transportation may be necessary. Most mileage costs to and from work sites will be reimbursed at a rate of \$0.655/mile, while mileage to and from the office will not.

Our intent is to keep the Habitat Restoration Internship flexible, though some dates are scheduled in advance due to the timelines of our aquatic weed work and WR events. The duration of this internship is from the end of June through mid-September.

This internship seeks to provide a well-rounded opportunity to learn about [Willamette Riverkeeper's mission](#), our organization's work, and programs. We also hope to encourage a greater knowledge of the Willamette River's ecosystems, and teach the tools of the trade, from canoes to power tools to camp gear.

A stipend of \$2,000 will be provided following the completion of the internship. Intern is responsible for reporting their own taxes for this stipend.

To apply please send a resume and cover letter to Vanessa Youngblood at: restoration@willametteriverkeeper.org