



# University of Idaho Franklin H. Pitkin Reforestation Nursery Internship Opportunity

## Intern at the Pitkin Forest Nursery in Northern Idaho

We are seeking 5 paid interns for **summer 2022** to learn operational greenhouse tree seedling production for reforestation and forest restoration.

The Franklin H. Pitkin Forest Research Nursery at the University of Idaho is an operational reforestation nursery that focuses on propagation of native conifer seedlings for reforestation in the Inland Northwest. The nursery routinely grows over 400,000 containerized seedlings each year that are used to help reforest lands damaged by wildfires and other natural disturbances, as well as following timber harvesting.

Interns will be stationed at the Pitkin Nursery where they will gain hands-on experience in all aspects of containerized tree seedling nursery production. They will learn how to control greenhouse climate conditions, learn the principles and practices of semi-automated irrigation and fertilization, identify and learn ways to control common pests and diseases, and gain hands-on experience watching tree seedlings grow and critically evaluate necessary steps required to manage the growth and health of the crops. During the summer, the interns will travel to local and regional reforestation nurseries to learn how other nurseries produce seedlings. Students will also take field trips to planting sites with landowners to learn about the seedling characteristics that lead to seedling success in the field. Interns that complete this program will be highly competitive for seedling nursery careers.

To apply, please submit an application package **in a single document** that includes: (i) a statement of interest indicating why horticulture interest you, and your future career interests, no more than 500 words, and (ii) a resume that includes past work experience, your university, you major, current GPA, and at least 2 academic or professional references. The internship is available to currently enrolled students or recently graduated (within the previous 6 months) at universities across the USA. Interns must be able to work in the USA, pass a criminal background check, and drive university vehicles.

Submit your application to Dr. Andrew Nelson ([asnelson@uidaho.edu](mailto:asnelson@uidaho.edu)), Director of the Pitkin Nursery.

## Fast Facts

- The forest and native plant nursery program at the University of Idaho was established in 1909, making it one of the oldest programs in the country.
- Previous student employees and interns work at prominent forest and native plant nurseries and are in high demand due to operational experience
- We are one of two university-run nurseries that can quickly scale research from small projects to operational experiments
- Research over our 110-year history has led to substantial new knowledge of tree and native plant biology and helped advance operational seedling production.
- Interns will interact with faculty who specialize in tree and native plant propagation, nursery staff with over 25 years of operational experience, and other students interested in propagation
- **\$15/hour** pay for 40 hours of work per week over the course of 10 weeks in the summer (May 30-August 5, 2022).
- On campus **housing will be provided**
- Start and end dates will be flexible to accommodate student's academic schedules.
- **Applications due January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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