



Local Food Intern Position Description

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Oregon Rural Action is a 10-year old non-profit community organization based in La Grande, Oregon. ORA brings people together to build strong rural communities through community organizing. ORA is a membership-based organization and ORA member-volunteers define, direct and carry out the work of the organization with a small number of staff. ORA members have consistently defined local food, sustainable agriculture and energy, strong local economies and social justice as their top priorities.

Oregon Rural Action seeks a self-motivated, curious and organized person to fill our unpaid Local Food internship position from January through March 2012. This internship position will give the intern an opportunity to learn more about community organizations, community organizing, the non-profit sector and local food and agriculture issues as well as make a difference in the community. Oregon Rural Action has a young team of staff who are eager to work with interns and share knowledge and experience in our high-energy, creative, mission-driven work environment.

Work

The intern will work to create materials, organize workshops and develop relationships to help local farmers and ranchers effectively sell their products to schools and institutions and enhance their direct marketing. This work will be done in collaboration with ORA Staff Director, Nella Parks, and ORA member-volunteers. A specific, detailed internship work plan and expected outcomes is available to applicants upon request.

Qualities & Qualifications

A successful intern will be one who is interested in local food and agriculture and with [Oregon Rural Action's mission, vision and values](#). We are looking for an intern who is eager to learn about the [Farm to School](#) program and help local producers successful take part in the program. The intern must be organized, creative, stick to deadlines and be able to develop step-by-step plans to accomplish their work. The intern must be able to effectively read and synthesize information and distill it into interesting, accessible materials for local people. The intern must be comfortable with MS computer programs. Knowledge of Adobe In-Design is a plus.



Responsibilities & Requirements

The internship will require three to five hours per week from the first week of January through the third week of March. The internship could start in December if the intern is interested in starting early. ORA is willing to work with the intern to help them fulfill credit or academic requirements.

To Apply

Email a resume and cover letter detailing your interest, availability, goals for the internship and contact information to Staff Director Nella Parks by December 31st. For questions contact Nella Parks at 541-975-2411 or nella@oregonrural.org.