



Sustainable Energy 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 Sustainable Energy 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 energy 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 create a Local Energy Guide and assist with other ORA energy work including the Eastern Oregon Solar Fair, Solarize Union County! and the Energy Smart Schools campaigns. This Local Energy Guide is based on our very successful Local Food & Farm Guide, which helps connect eaters and local producers in Northeast Oregon. Similarly the Local Energy Guide would help connect people of all income levels to information about energy efficiency, conservation and home energy production in Northeastern Oregon. This work will be done in collaboration with ORA Energy Organizer, Bridget Callahan, and ORA member-volunteers. A specific, detailed internship work plan and expected outcomes is available upon request.

Qualities & Qualifications

A successful intern will be one who is interested in energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy and interested in [Oregon Rural Action's mission, vision and values](#). 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, useful materials for local people. The intern must be comfortable with MS computer programs and be comfortable or willing to learn Adobe In-Design.



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 Energy Organizer, Bridget Callahan, by December 31st. For questions contact Bridget at 541-975-2411 or bridget@oregonrural.org.