

UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Botany Interns, Public Lands Corp

Division: Instruction

Classification: STUDENT HIRE

RESPONSIBLE TO: UCC Forestry Program Coordinator or Science Program Coordinator, Bryan Benz. Students will work under the supervision of US Forest Service (USFS) Botanists: Crystal Shepherd (Toketee) and Kathleen Walsh (Tiller).

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Seeking botany Interns with a background in botany, natural resources, restoration, ecology or conservation. To accommodate UCC's school schedule, internships will run for 16 weeks from June 19 to September 22, 2023 (Though working an early part-time week the week prior (6/12-14) will give interns experience in rare plant monitoring). Interns are expected to work 40 hrs. per week and will receive pay for all FS federal holidays. Hours are four (4) 10-hour days per week with a start time of 7am.

There are two positions. One position will report to the Tiller Ranger Station, Tiller, OR and second position will report to the Diamond Lake Ranger Station, Toketee Falls, OR. Furnished housing and rent at both locations will be provided by the Forest Service.

Proper personal protective gear, such as heavy-duty boots, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts are required for days involving field work. Students are responsible for supplying their own personal protective gear but Forest Service will supply safety glasses, field vests, compasses, tools, etc.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES:

During the first half of the summer, Botany Interns will assist Forest Service personnel with documenting and treating invasive species on the Umpqua National Forest. They will also help with restoring habitat for Western pond turtles, amphibians and large game. In the late summer, they will help with native species seed collection, organization and outplanting at restoration sites. In addition to these duties, interns will have opportunities to assist with a variety of other projects to expand their skill sets, such as pollinator surveys, rare plant surveys and monitoring.

Essential Functions:

- Must have valid state drivers' license and be able to operate passenger vehicles and pickups up to 10,000 GVW without restrictions due to past citations or limits on their license.
- All interns will be trained in the operation of 4-wheel drive vehicles, navigation of forest roads, safety protocols and the use of handheld radios.

Incidental Functions:

- Conducts self in professional manner as a representative of the college and USFS while working.

TYPICAL PHYSICAL DEMANDS AND WORK ENVIRONMENT:

- Work is predominately outdoors – 90% of the time will be spent in the field. Climate is generally moderate, with temperatures averaging 75 to 90 degrees during the summer months. The remaining 10% of the time will be spent indoors (e.g. trainings, etc.).
- Hiking, digging, bending, stooping, kneeling and the ability to help in lifting up to 50 pounds is required.
- Capacity to walk/hike on rough terrain up to 6 miles per day. The internship will also include one 4 day long backpacking/camping trip into the Rogue-Umpqua Divide Wilderness area.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Umpqua Community College student that was registered for UCC classes in either Spring quarter 2023 or will register for classes during Summer quarter 2023
- Ability to interact and effectively communicate with people.