



Mount St. Helens Education & Interpretation Internships



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Internship:	Science Education & Interpretation Interns
Living Expenses:	\$80.80/day stipend & housing provided
Term of Internships:	April 18 or June 13 to September or October
Closing Date:	Open until filled

SUMMARY: Do you love volcanoes? Do you want to improve your public speaking and communication skills? Are you hoping to go into the field of education? Have you ever dreamed of being a park ranger?

The Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) and US Forest Service (USFS) are seeking **THREE** motivated Science Education and Interpretation Interns.

- 1) *Education Intern* will work with Mount St. Helens Institute | April 18 start date
- 2) *Education and Interpretation Intern* will work with Mount St. Helens Institute (50%) and US Forest Service (50%) | June 13 start date
- 3) *Interpretation Intern* will work with US Forest Service | June 13 start date

Internship hours are approximately 40 hours/week, including weekends. Interns will be provided with practical career training in informal science education and interpretation.

WHO ARE WE: The Mount St. Helens Institute is a non-profit partner of the US Forest Service’s Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, who manages the land at Mount St. Helens. We are a close-knit group that are passionate about the volcano and sharing our passion with visitors. Every summer numerous seasonal employees come from around the nation to work at Mount St. Helens because of the unique scientific stories, the diverse visitors and the outdoor recreation opportunities. Previous interns have gone on to work at regional education non-profits, federal lands and pursued graduate school in geology, ecology, natural resources and education.

MSHI EDUCATION INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Co-lead overnight youth educational programs and camps
- Co-lead day long field trips
- Assist with field trip planning and logistics
- Review and assist with curriculum development
- Attend outreach events
- Clean and maintain facilities and maintain supplies and equipment
- Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor(s)

USFS INTERPRETATION INTERN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct Junior Ranger program
- Provide visitor service at visitor centers and on trails
- Review and assist with curriculum development
- Attend outreach events
- Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor(s)

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Mount St. Helens Institute and the MSH National Volcanic Monument
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior status at or recent graduate of a university or college
- Coursework in education, biology, geology, environmental studies, recreation or related subject
- Organized and self-directed
- Comfortable working outdoors in adverse weather
- Work well in a diverse team and be a self-starter
- Experience and comfort working with school-aged children
- Pass a pre-employment or post-hire background screening and criminal history check
- Have a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record for the past three years

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- CPR/First Aid Certification
- Wilderness First Responder Certification. Preference will be given to applicants with this certification.
- Personal vehicle (optional but preferred)
- Female undergraduate geology student (required for one of three positions, based on grant)
- Experience working at a camp or education center

LOCATION: Interns will be based at the Science and Learning Center, 40 miles east of Castle Rock, WA on the northwest side of Mount St. Helens. This location is remote with little cell service. Housing in comfortable government houses with a shared room is available at no cost.

ACADEMIC CREDIT: It is the responsibility of the Intern to complete paperwork with his or her university necessary to receive credit for the experience. *Mount St. Helens Institute and USFS staff will work with Intern to meet his or her educational and professional goals and craft a valuable individual learning experience.*

STIPEND: Interns are stipend trainees/volunteers. Each intern regardless of which organization s/he is working for shall receive \$50/day from MSHI and \$30.80/day from USFS based on a 5 day week.

TO APPLY: Email the following information to Abi Groskopf, Science Education Director at internships@mshinstitute.org with the Subject line: "2016 Education Intern Application".

- Cover Letter which includes:
 - Experience which prepared you for the internship
 - Explain your learning objectives for your time at Mount St. Helens
 - List your first choice internship and start date
 - List any needed time off during the course of the internship (if applicable)
 - Available start state and required end date (if applicable)
- Resume or CV
- Contact Information for 3 references

Please email with question; **no phone calls!**

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