Community Conservation Intern 2024-25



Internship Description

About the organization:

Watershed Management Group (WMG) develops community-based solutions to ensure the long-term prosperity of people and health of the environment. We provide people with the knowledge, skills, and resources for sustainable livelihoods.

WMG helps connect people of all ages to nature and to foster care for the earth and our waterways through programs at our demonstration site, the Living Lab & Learning Center (LLLC), out in the Santa Cruz and San Pedro Watersheds, and in our local communities.

Website: https://watershedmg.org/

Internship title: Community Conservation Intern

About the internship:

The Community Conservation Intern provides support for our community conservation-based initiatives and projects to serve primarily underserved neighborhoods across Tucson. A large part of this program is to facilitate rain garden educational workshops with community partners to teach participants how to build a rain garden; a simple, low-cost landscape feature that captures rainfall to support the growth of native shade trees and shrubs. The intern will assist with logistics related to teaching of and follow up from the rain garden educational workshops at the Living Lab and Learning Center, local schools, residential homes, and community centers in the greater Tucson community. The position will also provide support for community-scale and centered green infrastructure and restoration project processes, as well as provide support for a variety of events at our Living Lab. WMG is expanding our efforts to limited-income, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ communities, and seeks an intern able and interested in engaging with these populations.

Required qualifications

- Interest and support of WMG's mission
- Promptness and sound organizational skills
- Proficient in Google Docs, Microsoft Office Suite, and social media
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent communication and writing skills
- Ability to adhere to deadlines
- Ability to receive direction and feedback enthusiastically
- Some Saturday and weekday evening availability

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Preferred qualifications:

- College degree or currently enrolled in a degree program related to environmental science, environmental education, landscape architecture, or a related field
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work experience or training
- Data entry experience
- Interest in permaculture principles
- · Interest in community outreach and building

Internship location:

Watershed Management Group's Living Lab and Learning Center, 1137 N Dodge Blvd, Tucson, with some work out in the community and virtual meetings as needed.

Internship hours:

8-10 hrs/week (average), including both weekdays and weekends.

Mentor:

Luis Salgado, Green Infrastructure Project Manager

Potential number of interns desired for this position (1 or 2): 1