



Friends of Sausal Creek

Stewardship and Education Intern 2024

Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) has an immediate opening for a **Stewardship and Education Intern (SEI)**, a part-time position based in Oakland, CA. The SEI will assist in leading and training youth in field work days focused on restoration (planting, weeding, mulching, watering), monitoring (water quality, wildlife, and vegetation) and litter cleanup. The SEI will help plan and facilitate projects, train youth on proper tool use/safety, supervise on-site activity, and evaluate students' mastery of skills. They will report directly to FOSC's Education and Outreach Manager and Restoration and Nursery Manager, with supervision by FOSC's Executive Director.

The ideal SEI candidate is a passionate, dynamic, self-motivated environmentalist and justice advocate with experience working with diverse populations, specifically youth. Fluency in Spanish is a plus.

Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) is a community-based, 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Sausal Creek Watershed in Oakland, CA. Our vision is to engage the Oakland community in regular stewardship of the watershed through ongoing restoration work, robust environmental education programs, and increased access to quality parks and green spaces adjacent to Sausal Creek. We are working toward an ecologically healthy watershed that supports biodiversity, offers habitat for native species in the region, and builds climate resilience.

Responsibilities

Environmental Education:

- Assist with leadership of environmental classroom lessons and field trips in urban and open spaces with students aged 6-18, in collaboration with local partners. Topics include watershed ecology, hydrology, species monitoring, water quality, nonnative vs native species.
- Assist with development of lesson plans, program evaluation, and administrative tracking.
- Assist with development of new school and organizational partnerships and strengthening of existing relationships.

Community Outreach:

- Assist with the development and promotion of opportunities for watershed stewardship and education (e.g. restoration workdays, tours).
- Serve as a liaison between FOSC and the greater Oakland community.

Stewardship and Team Support:

- Partner with water quality volunteer(s) on water quality field work and public data sharing; assist with regular monitoring - data collection, entry, and analysis
- Assist with leadership of 1 - 2 watershed restoration workdays per month.
- Assist with nursery workdays.

Requirements

The ideal SEI candidate possesses the following:

- Passion for environmentalism and environmental justice

- Knowledge of environmental and social justice issues in Oakland
- Passion for student/youth development
- Desire to improve community outreach, group facilitation, and/or experiential education skills
- Able to work with people of diverse ages and backgrounds, particularly historically disadvantaged groups and youth
- Acceptable public speaking, writing, and presentation skills
- Ability to lift 40 pounds

The following qualities are strongly desired:

- Self-starter; able to manage full schedule and function well independently/remotely
- Collaborative, able to work within a small team
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Flexible, able to accommodate last minute changes and adjust accordingly
- Highly motivated and enthusiastic
- Fluency in English and Spanish
- Positive role model, able to lead and connect with others, and forge strong relationships
- Passion for FOSC's mission; willingness to advocate for FOSC's objectives and programs
- Informed on creek- and watershed-related environmental issues, as well as restoration techniques and native vegetation

Compensation and terms

This internship position is part-time (20 hours per week). The rate of compensation is \$20/hour.

FOSC is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from all qualified candidates regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, or sexual orientation.

To apply

To apply, please email a cover letter and your CV/resume to FOSC's Executive Director, Lisa Giordano, at lisa@sausalcreek.org. Please include your name and "**SEI application**" in the subject line.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, January 24, 2024.