



PROJECT ZERO

2020 Internship Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is PGE Project Zero Works?

Climate change is having a very real impact on our community, and today's young adults are demanding action. That's why Portland General Electric developed a new initiative to engage young adults ages 20 to 24 in learning about climate change science and creating green job pathways.

PGE Project Zero Works, designed in partnership with community organizations, provides internships that prepare young adults with the technical and social skills needed for high-quality jobs in clean energy, natural resources and environmental services.

How long do the internships last?

Internships last six months, currently planned to begin in July 2020 and end in January 2021. Successful completion of the internship requires a total of 600 hours over this period.

How much do interns earn?

The hourly pay for interns is \$15.00 an hour.

How many hours do interns work per week?

The minimum schedule is 25 hours per week. The maximum schedule is 40 hours per week. Actual hours will be determined prior to starting the internship, and they will be based on the mutual needs of the organization and the intern.





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How many internships are there, and where are they?

There are 10 internships – two at each of these well-regarded community organizations:

[Blueprint Foundation](#) – 2808 NE MLK Blvd., Portland/Multnomah County

[Friends of Trees](#) – 3117 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., Portland/Multnomah County

[Forest Park Conservancy](#) – 833 SW 11th Ave., Portland/Multnomah County

[Verde](#) – 6899 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland/Multnomah County

[Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) - 7040 NE 47th Ave, Portland/Multnomah County

Are there other benefits?

The program provides additional support, such as:

- Each intern is paired with a PGE champion for mentoring
- Interns come together regularly to participate in special activities such as Career Day
- A Dean of Cohort and a Dean of Services are available for ongoing support to interns, including assistance in gaining access to public services, if needed
- Subsidized public transportation to work

How does the application process work?

Young adults who attend an information session may complete an application and attend an interview. The organizations providing internships will determine which young adults are accepted and which organization they will work with.

When is the information session?

There will be two information sessions to choose from in April.

Special note:

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, we will be holding PGE Project Zero Works information sessions online using ZOOM. Please RSVP to Taaj Armstrong by emailing her at taaj.armstrong@pgn.com to receive login information.

If you're using a cell phone to attend the online info session, you will need to download the ZOOM app.

Session 1: Thursday, April 16, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Session 2: Thursday, April 30, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.





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What is the intern job description?

The job descriptions will vary by organization. All interns, however, are expected to be on time, communicate clearly, accept feedback, attend required trainings, work both indoors and outdoors, participate during cohort activities, speak with PGE champions at least twice a month and demonstrate growing skills and abilities in specific areas.

Is there help finding work after the internship ends?

Young adults who successfully complete their internship will be able to apply for positions with destination employers who are planning for hiring beginning in January 2021.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please write Taaj Armstrong on the PGE Corporate Social Responsibility team at taaj.armstrong@pgn.com or call her at (503) 464-2316 for more information.

