Oregon State University commits to inclusive excellence by advancing equity and diversity in all that we do. We are an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity employer, and particularly encourage applications from members of historically underrepresented racial/ethnic groups, women, individuals with disabilities, veterans, LGBTQ community members, and others who share our vision of an inclusive community.

General Description:

This position is located in Student Leadership & Involvement (SLI), whose mission is to create meaningful and diverse opportunities for leadership development and involvement experiences that cultivate positive social change. Within SLI, the Student Sustainability Initiative (SSI) works to advance student efforts to create a culture of sustainability at OSU. This work falls into three general categories:

- actions and campaigns directly influencing OSU’s sustainability
- education on sustainability issues; and
- empowerment of students to tackle their own vision of a better world.

SSI is working to more effectively engage the diverse student body at OSU and to strengthen our internal capacity to develop programming that addresses the three pillars of sustainability: environmental, social and economic. In 2008, OSU President Ed Ray committed that our university will become climate neutral by 2025. To help support and advance OSU’s efforts to respond to the urgent threat of climate change, SSI is launching an initiative called Climate Neutral 2025. The Climate Neutral 2025 Intern will work alongside the committee to assist in the committee in reaching its goals. The position will be an integral part of creating, developing, and implementing the educational and outreach goals of the initiative to support the OSU Climate Plan:

(http://fa.oregonstate.edu/files/sustainability/docs/osuclimateplan2009.pdf)

Climate Neutral 2025 Mission Statement:

OSU, a leader in sustainability research and achievements, must be held accountable to its long-standing commitments to its students, faculty and staff, Corvallis community, and the world to create lasting social change: Climate Neutrality by 2025. Change or Be Changed

The successful candidate will demonstrate an aptitude to be effective in all responsibilities of the position.

Responsibilities:

- Help plan, organize, and implement educational events and activities to involve the general student body in climate activism
- Recruit volunteers to support Climate Neutral 2025 initiatives through tabling, classroom presentations, and other outreach activities
- Promote the Take Charge Corvallis Direct Install program to students living off campus; distribute LED light bulbs and water savers
- Attend Climate Neutral 2025 Initiative and Take Charge Corvallis meetings and support strategic planning efforts
- Meet weekly with supervisor

Required Qualifications:
- Demonstrated interest in sustainability
- Public speaking/class presentation experience
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Ability to stay organized and focus on task at hand
- Experience working independently and collaboratively

Preferred Qualifications:
- Previous experience with sustainability outreach, education, or communication campaigns
- Awareness of and appreciation for individual uniqueness and diversity
- Developed critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Have a comprehensive understanding of Oregon State University Climate Plan
- Strategic planning experience
- Experience with Microsoft Office applications including Word, PowerPoint and Excel
- Familiarity with OSU student organizations and departments

Applicants must be an OSU student in good academic standing, enrolled in at least 6 credits in a related major.

Term: January 4th– June 10th, 2016 (Winter or Winter and Spring terms available)
Hours: 6-9 hours per week
Compensation: Internship credit (2-3 credits per term)

To apply: Send a résumé and cover letter explaining why you are interested in engaging students about climate change, how your experience prepares you for success in this position, and how this internship will contribute to your experiential learning goals. Please send the documents as a single PDF saved as “Climate Neutral 2025 Internship (Your Last Name)” to Graham Shaw, SSI Transportation Coordinator, at ssi.transportation@oregonstate.edu. Applications must be received by 5 pm on Monday, November 30th, 2015. For further inquiry or for Disability Accommodations please contact: Graham Shaw, ssi.transportation@oregonstate.edu, Office: 541-753-4072, Cell: 503-437-5623.