

Title: Youth Education Intern

Stipend: \$2,040

Hours: 120 over 11 weeks

Location: In person at the Beyond Toxics office located in Downtown Eugene and it's

fully ADA accessible.

#### **Description**

The person filling this internship position will provide program coordination and outreach support for Beyond Toxics' *Rise As Leaders* youth cohort. This cohort engages young leaders (ages 15–25) in environmental justice projects, leadership development, and community-based advocacy throughout Oregon's southern Willamette Valley.

### **Responsibilities will include:**

- Assisting with youth recruitment, outreach, and communications strategies.
- Supporting planning and facilitation of leadership trainings, workshops, and cohort meetings.
- Coordinating youth participation in environmental justice campaigns, events, and policy advocacy opportunities.
- Collecting and organizing creative and personal narratives (video, spoken word, writing, visual art, etc.) from participants to highlight diverse perspectives in the movement.
- Collaborating with Beyond Toxics staff, community partners, and youth cohort members to meet program objectives.
- Providing occasional administrative support related to program evaluation and documentation.

A portion of work may take place in collaboration with local schools, community centers, and organizations in Eugene/Springfield and surrounding areas.

### **Minimum Requirements**

- Completion of college-level coursework (at least 12 quarter hours) in environmental studies, sociology, ethnic and gender studies, journalism, non-profit management, political science, anthropology, or related fields; or an equivalent combination of training and experience in community organizing, environmental justice, or social equity initiatives.
- Experience working with youth and diverse communities, including students from communities of color, Indigenous and Tribal communities, and immigrant communities.



- Ability to work independently and collaboratively, exercise initiative, and stay organized.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Interest in environmental and climate justice issues.

## **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Bilingue en espanol
- Experience with media, communications, or creative outreach (social media campaigns, video, photography, spoken word, storytelling).
- Familiarity with program coordination, workshop facilitation, or grassroots advocacy.

# **Special Instructions to Applicants**

Complete applications must include:

- A current resume or CV.
- A cover letter describing your interest in this position and relevant experience.
- Two references (one must be able to speak to your ability to engage and encourage youth and demonstrate inclusive communication).
- Responses to the following supplemental questions:
  - a) Please describe your experience working with youth from diverse racial, cultural, or economic backgrounds.
  - b) How do you understand and approach climate justice movement building?
- Please send your application materials to Alejandro at agarcia@beyondtoxics.org

Anticipated Start Date: Late October Anticipated End Date: Late January 2026

Anticipated Hours per Week: 5-10