

2022 Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden Internship

Equity & Sustainability Summer Intern

A 3-month paid Internship
for young leaders committed to their community



Internship Description:

This **paid** position was created to develop and grow new leaders in the environmental field. Interns will work together as a team to develop and teach an environmental science-based curriculum to refugee youth (K-8th grade) at Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden. Throughout their time with our organization, interns will learn about Paradise Parking Plots, the environmental science topics surrounding the site, and the ways it promotes food sovereignty. As a refugee resettlement and services organization, World Relief Seattle focuses on empowering those we serve to use their inherent gifts and abilities to develop their surrounding community; for this reason, we give strong preference to individuals from refugee and immigrant lived experiences, though anyone is welcome to apply.

Internship Responsibilities:

- Understand World Relief Seattle's organizational mission and how this translates to the services we offer to the immigrant and refugee community.
- Understand how Paradise Parking Plots aligns with World Relief Seattle's mission, its impact on our community, and the health of the environment we share.
- Attend multiple trainings led by World Relief Seattle staff and organizational partners to learn about environmental science concepts, curriculum development, and classroom management.
- Adapt and develop an environmental science-based curriculum that will be taught at World Relief Seattle's Refugee Youth Summer Academy for local K-8th refugee youth.
- Utilize knowledge learned throughout the internship to lead educational garden tours that engage both youth and adults.
- Participate in the garden Summer Celebration at the end of camp to showcase refugee youth achievements and engage the community.
- Develop professional skills such as personal time management, communication, teamwork, and flexibility.
- Network with professionals in the environmental field and learn about different green workforce pathways.



Is This You?

- Currently between the ages of 16-19
- Strong preference for those with refugee or immigrant lived experience/background.
- Live locally in South King County (preference to the Kent, WA area)
- A flexible schedule from May through mid-August and able to accommodate between 20-30 working hours Mon-Fri.
- A desire to teach others (particularly refugee youth) environmental topics such as food access, stormwater, insects, sustainability, and marine habitats.
- Eagerness to step out of comfort zone and grow in public speaking, teaching, and feedback sharing (both giving and receiving).
- Enjoys working in a collaborative team environment.
- Capable of thinking locally and systemically (big picture) about complex issues and coming up with creative solutions.
- A desire to see and be a part of positive change in the community.

Helpful Experience to Have:

- Previous public speaking experience
- Teaching experience with youth K – 8th grade
- Education or experience in the environmental science field

We Invite You to Apply!

Interested in applying for the Paradise Parking Plots Equity and Sustainability Summer Internship? Please complete the application found at the link below. The priority application consideration date is **March 15th**.

[Click for Application](#) or scan the QR code below



If you have any questions about the application process or would like further information about the internship, please feel free to email or call Lucas McClish (Lmcclish@wr.org; 253-277-1121).

About the Organization

World Relief Seattle, envisions every local refugee and vulnerable immigrant welcomed by the community, rooted in community, and empowered for community. Paradise Parking Plots is a project of World Relief Seattle which seeks to address stated community needs through providing greater food access, food sovereignty, and community space for the people we serve. Learn more at <https://worldrelief.org/seattle/our-work/resiliency/garden/>

EDI Statement

We believe in centering this program on equity, diversity, and inclusion: equity means that people of all backgrounds and experiences are treated with fairness; we are strengthened through diversity as others' unique perspectives and identities make us stronger, more creative and resilient; we seek to make an inclusive space where all people are embraced. We are strengthened as we embody these principles, and further equipped to see our vision fulfilled of every local refugee and immigrant welcomed by community, rooted in community, and empowered for community.

