

2023 Resiliency Programs Internship

Equity & Sustainability Summer Intern

A 3-month paid Internship

Internship Details

World Relief Western Washington's Resiliency Programs seek to support the inherent resiliency of refugees and immigrants by building bridges to resources and community. Our work advocates for healthy communities and seeks to change systems that suppress and oppress communities and create vulnerable situations. Through our Resiliency Programs we aim to create spaces that empower communities to come together to learn, grow, share, dream, and thrive.

This **paid internship** was created to develop a new group of diverse leaders in the environmental field and local food system movement. Intern cohorts will work together as a team to focus on areas varying from environmental education, community garden management, food and nutrition. This internship is place-based in South King County, using Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden and our commercial teaching kitchen as case studies for local community development. We give strong preference to applicants from the refugee and immigrant populations we serve, though anyone is welcome to apply.

Internship Responsibilities:

- Understand World Relief Western Washington's organizational mission and how this translates to the services we offer to the immigrant and refugee community
- Understand how Resiliency Programs, and specifically the Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden, aligns with World Relief Western Washington's vision, its impact on our community and the health of the environment we share
- Attend weekly trainings led by World Relief Western Washington's staff and organizational partners to learn about regional environmental challenges, development of culturally-appropriate outdoor education and local food systems
- Choose and become an expert in one of the following focus areas: environmental education, community garden management or food and nutrition
- Utilize knowledge learned throughout the internship to lead educational garden tours engaging stakeholders such as: community-based organizations, local elected officials, educational institutes and community members
- Participate in the garden Summer Celebration by giving community garden tours, assisting with outreach and planning logistical details alongside World Relief staff
- Develop professional skills such as project execution, time management, communication and teamwork
- Network with professionals in the environmental field and learn about different career pathways and opportunities

Is This You?

- Currently between the ages of 15-21 (some flexibility)
- Strong preference for those with lived refugee or immigrant 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 15-25 working hours Monday-Saturday
- A desire to engage with your local community around topics such as: agriculture, food access, stormwater and sustainability
- Eagerness to step out of comfort zone and grow in public speaking, teaching, outreach and community engagement
- Enjoys working in a collaborative team environment
- Capable of thinking systemically (big picture) about complex issues and coming up with creative solutions
- A desire to see and be a part of positive change in your community

Helpful Experience to Have:

- Previous leadership experience overseeing clubs, school projects or events
- A background in educating youth or adults
- Education or training in the environmental and sustainability 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 **April 30th**, but we will accept applications until all 3 positions are filled.

[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 Lucas (Lmcclish@wr.org) or call the World Relief office (253) 277-1121.