



## **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY**

### **Conservation Education Intern**

The Sonoma Resource Conservation District (RCD) is a non-regulatory, local, special district empowered to manage soil, water, fish and wildlife resources for conservation. In existence since the 1940s, RCDs are local conservation delivery systems that identify local conservation issues and guide solutions on a voluntary basis. The Sonoma RCD covers 919,000 acres, or over 85% of Sonoma County, and includes the Russian River, Petaluma River, Sonoma Creek, Stemple Creek, and Gualala River Watersheds. The RCD is almost exclusively grant and fee for service funded with a small amount of local property tax leveraged in to millions of dollars each year. The Sonoma RCD has staff with expertise in a wide variety of natural resource and agricultural disciplines, education and outreach, policy, and fundraising, and is governed by a Board of Directors that are local landowners in the District.

Our mission is carried out through four primary program areas under LandSmart®: Plans, On-the-Ground projects, Water Resources management, and Education. For more information visit our website at: [www.sonomarcd.org](http://www.sonomarcd.org).

#### **POSITION DESCRIPTION:**

The RCD is seeking a qualified individual to support staff with the planning, coordination and execution of LandSmart Education® programs. The intern will primarily assist with the Sonoma FARMS Leadership high school youth program in building activity learning stations, help to design field day agendas, lead team building and leadership activities, and participate on field days with the students. Support is also needed with TEAM Conservation education program for elementary youth at an on-farm field trip site in Santa Rosa. In addition, working under the RCD's education and communications specialist this individual will aid with public events, education partner meetings, and community outreach efforts for RCD workshops and events. This is a unique opportunity to understand the role of the RCD and local partners in natural resource conservation education efforts throughout Sonoma County, while furthering personal leadership skills, communication, and relationship building.

#### **The ideal candidate will possess:**

- Must be currently enrolled in courses at the college level
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Friendly with a positive attitude
- Interest and enjoyment working with youth of varying ages outside (elementary to high school)
- Ability to work outdoors in variable weather conditions
- Interested in the mission and work of the RCD
- Able to lift up to 50 lbs and CPR certified
- Possession of a valid California driver's license and a vehicle

**Status:** This position is 1 day/week minimum. Friday availability preferred. This internship runs through the 2017-2018 academic year beginning in September and ending usually mid-May.

**Compensation:** This internship is currently unpaid with the opportunity for a stipend dependent upon performance at the end of agreed upon term. Mileage reimbursement for field trips available. If you are currently enrolled in a two or four year college please check with your advisor to earn college credit.

**To Apply:** Send cover letter and resume to Christine Kuehn at [ckuehn@sonomarcd.org](mailto:ckuehn@sonomarcd.org) or 1221 Farmers Lane, Suite F, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. Position open until filled. **No phone calls, please.**