

Education Intern/Docent

Position 1, Development - Overview:

This opportunity is open to full-time undergraduate and graduate students to work with existing and develop programs/tours for schools (ages - primary through college) and for the general public at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals. Development of a flexible curriculum that spans the interests from the rocks and minerals to the architecture of the historic home for all ages of visitors at the museum is the primary goal. Volunteers would work with the Curator, Museum Educator, and Executive Director to create interactive activites and special events. This is a great opportunity for education majors, communication majors and history majors.

This position requires: familiarity with computers, web research, and basic knowledge of museums. Background or training in education (STEM and/or STEAM) a plus.

Work Schedule:

Internship length and schedule may vary depending on the needs of the projects. At least 15 hours a week is preferred. Some work/meetings could be virtual.

Application Process for both Descriptions:

A complete application or resume will be required. The museum will review these documents prior to scheduling an interview.

Date of Appointment for both Descriptions:

Ongoing with minimum 1 school year required.

Position 2, Docent/Host - Overview:

This opportunity is open to individuals interested in interacting with school children (ages k-12 and college) and/or the general public as a docent. Volunteers would work with the the Museum Education team for training and guidance on all aspects of the information needed to give tours in the various galleries and about the rocks and minerals found in them. Volunteers are encouraged to research any of the specimens in the various galleries for additional information to add to their tour. This information is to be presented to the Museum Educator and Curator for accuracy prior to use.

This position requires: the ability to work with groups of individuals of all ages and to create an interesting and informative tour of the different galleries in the museum. Questions and Interaction with the group is encouraged. All hands-on activites are to be inclusive. A desire to pass on information about the museum and it's exhibits is key to the task.

Guests to the museum occasionally relate stories of the Rice family and the house. Volunteers are to work with the Museum Educator and Curator on the accuracy of the information before adding it to their tour.

Work Schedule:

Internship length and schedule may vary depending on the school groups or tours scheduled. At least 15 hours a week is preferred.

Application Process for both Descriptions:

A complete application or resume will be required. The Museum will review these documents prior to scheduling an interview.

Date of Appointment for both Descriptions:

Ongoing with minimum 2 school years required.