



Oxbow Nursery Production Assistant
Part-time, seasonal, July - November 2015

Oxbow is a 25 acre organic farm, education center, and native plant nursery located on a 100-acre wilderness preserve in the Snoqualmie Valley, 25 miles east of Seattle. The farm supports a 600 member CSA, supplies over 30 restaurants and independent grocery stores with local, organic produce. Our education center, which has a working small farm and Living Playground, is committed to teaching children about sustainable agriculture and the environment. At Oxbow children see firsthand where their food comes from, where salmon spawn, and understand why we need to protect both. The Native Plant Nursery, built in 2013, is a production, research and education facility. We aim to grow the highest quality native plants for restoration, mitigation and landscaping, using ecologically sound practices, and foster research and education that contribute to the restoration and nursery-growing community.

Position Overview

The nursery production assistant will work with the full time staff in all aspects of seedling production, research and restoration during the summer and fall seasons. The position requires someone able to take on responsibility, work with attention to detail, a background and interest in botany, horticulture, nursery science and/or environmental stewardship, and an enthusiasm for native plants and their propagation.

Job Responsibilities

- Perform duties around crop production, including irrigation, seed collection and cleaning, transplanting, pruning, fall sowing, re-organizing nursery stock and weeding.
- Participate in site preparation, maintenance and native planting activities on site.
- Assist with nursery research projects: maintenance and data collection.
- Assist in putting together plant orders, loading delivery vehicles.
- Maintaining organization and cleanliness of the nursery and equipment.

Qualifications

- Strong background in horticulture, environmental science, botany, or related field (nursery experience and/or higher education in the field preferred)
- Experience in gardening, plant propagation, or restoration activities, and a strong desire to learn more
- Consistent attention to detail
- Ability to take direction, ask for help/clarity when necessary, and accept constructive feedback on work and technique
- Clear, consistent communication
- Ability to work: standing, sitting, bending over or kneeling; to lift heavy & awkward objects, up to 50 lbs; perform physical work such as digging or planting; and in inclement weather.



Hours:

20 hours a week. July – November 25 (four full months)

Weekly schedule can be flexible, to be discussed and agreed upon with the Nursery manager

Compensation:

\$12- 15 per hour, DOE

This position reports to the Native Nursery Manager, Bridget McNassar

If interested please send or email a resume, cover letter, and 3 references to:

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Oxbow Organic Farm & Education Center
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Deadline to apply:

Open until filled