

## **SAMPLE INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION – NOT CURRENTLY OPEN – FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

### **Research Internship Institute for Culture and Ecology (IFCAE)**

The Institute for Culture and Ecology is a nonprofit research and education organization that focuses on the social aspects of natural resource management. One particular area of focus has been with nontimber forest products (e.g., wild mushrooms, floral greens, and medicinal plants). We are currently seeking an intern to assist with our Wild Forest Goods Project. The objective of this project is to help develop and expand markets for nontimber forest products for small forestland owners in Oregon and Washington. We are seeking an intern to conduct web searches for extension-type training materials on techniques such as plant identification, inventorying, harvesting, and processing of nontimber forest products. Minimum requirements include experience conducting web-based searches, knowledge of MS Excel, and MS Word. A background in Anthropology, Sociology, Ecology, and/or Business is a plus. This internship is an unpaid position and should take about 20 hours to complete. Course credit may be available through your educational institution.

The Institute for Culture and Ecology is a non-profit 503(c)(3) organization based in Portland whose mission is to improve human and environmental conditions through applied research, education, and community improvement projects. We help communities, managers, policymakers, and other stakeholders understand the social complexities underlying natural resource problems. Our staff and partners are comprised of social scientists, ecologists, and policy analysts who specialize in natural resource management and policy issues. See [www.ifcae.org](http://www.ifcae.org) for more information.