

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION – NOT CURRENTLY OPEN – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Research Internship Renewable Energy Northwest

Every summer, the Renewable Northwest Project offers an internship to students and recent graduates with renewable energy experience. Applications will **only** be accepted **between March 1 and March 31**. **The Organization:** The Renewable Northwest Project is a nonprofit advocacy group based in Portland, Oregon. RNP is a coalition of environmental and consumer groups and energy developers who promote the implementation of clean, renewable energy in the Northwest region (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana). We work to get proposed wind, solar and geothermal projects into the ground, push for policies promoting renewables and energy efficiency, and nurture the market for green power. **The Internship:** The intern will assist RNP in conducting research and/or outreach work in one or more projects to be completed in the summer of 2009.

The following are examples of some **possible** internship projects. The decision of which project(s) the position will focus on will depend greatly on the skills of the final candidates.

1. Gather green power purchasing data from NW utilities then compile and publish a report;
2. Collect information on the economic impacts of the wind and solar energy industries in the Northwest and compile a report;
3. Research information on a number of renewable energy issues and create a set of fact sheets for use in renewable energy advocacy work, including renewable technologies, environmental benefits, economic impacts, consumer education issues, etc.

Candidates should have excellent research and writing skills and have an understanding of renewable energy and/or Northwest energy issues. Please highlight in your cover letter how your particular skills relate to the potential projects outlined above. This is a 10-week summer position with a possible stipend depending on circumstances.