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Duration: 12 weeks, June-September*

Work Hours: 40 hours/week, including weekends

Compensation: \$15.50/hour, housing provided**

Organization Summary:

Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) is a 501c3 nonprofit nature center and wildlife hospital in Eugene, Oregon that strives to exceed national standards of raptor welfare in every aspect of our work. The nature center is home to more than 30 resident raptors who live on exhibit and work in up-close encounters. The wildlife hospital treats over 500 injured, ill, and orphaned raptor patients every year and triages other native birds from the community. Our mission is to connect people with wildlife through public education and wildlife rehabilitation. The nature center and hospital help us achieve this mission by getting guests up close and personal with wildlife and helping them steward the wildlife in their communities.

General Description of Position:

Internships with CRC are immersive, hands-on learning opportunities. This internship splits time between the wildlife hospital and nature center. Under the guidance of our knowledgeable staff, interns will learn the ins and outs of animal care and management, wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, educational program development and delivery, the application of operant learning techniques, and much more. This internship is designed for people who would like to grow their career in this field.

Wildlife Hospital Daily Tasks:

- Hospital and enclosure cleaning and maintenance
- Diet preparation and feeding of rehabilitation patients
- Attending to our live mouse colony
- Interfacing with members of the public who bring patients
- Assisting with patient rescues, treatments, releases, and renesting

Nature Center Daily Tasks:

- Enclosure cleaning and maintenance
- Diet preparation
- Enrichment development and delivery
- Educational programming (formal and informal)
- Facility cleaning and maintenance
- Once trained and assessed, training and presenting with the ambassador team



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Desired Qualifications:

- Knowledge of North American raptor ecology
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Strong observational skills
- Experience speaking publicly and with diverse audiences
- Experience in animal care and/or rehabilitation preferred but not required

Physical Requirements & Working Conditions:

- Ability to team-lift and move 50 lbs.
- Work outdoors in a variety of weather conditions
- Capable of being on their feet 6+ hours/day, walking, standing, squatting, kneeling
- Capable of climbing steep terrain, stairs, and ladders; must have a good sense of balance
- Work with deceased prey items
- Work safely with birds of prey
- Work occasional nights and weekends

*Start and end dates are flexible. Please be specific about your availability in your application materials.

**Housing is provided by CRC supporters who are vetted host families. Accommodation varies year to year but includes, at minimum, a bedroom (may be shared with an additional intern) and access to a shared kitchen and bathroom. Details about 2026 accommodations will be provided during the interview stage. Candidates are encouraged to have their own means of transportation to ensure timely and reliable attendance. If transportation is needed, alternative arrangements can be discussed as part of the interview process.

How to Apply:

Email a cover letter and resume to info@cascadesraptorcenter.org by **February 6, 2026**, with the subject line **Summer Internship 2026**. Interviews will begin the last week of February 2026.

These internship positions were generously funded by the Bernice Barbour Foundation and the Vincent J. Coates Foundation.

At Cascades Raptor Center, we strive to create a space where everyone feels welcome, safe, and heard. We are committed to the wellbeing of our marginalized visitors, staff, interns, volunteers, and board members, and do not tolerate behavior that threatens, demeans, or excludes them. Our organization is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, family status, national origin, or any other status protected by law.