Environmental Education Internship

About Us
The LES Ecology Center (Ecology Center) has been pioneering community-based models in urban sustainability since 1987. The Education Program at the Ecology Center works to increase development, awareness and access to interactive urban environmental education to all ages.

Position Summary
The LES Ecology Center seeks a rising/current college student or recent graduate interested in increasing community involvement and awareness of our urban environment through environmental education. The Environmental Education program offers workshops for school groups, community organizations, and the general public consisting of classroom and outdoor instruction. Topics include urban ecology, street tree care, food justice, and more. Applicants must be committed to and enthusiastic about environmental stewardship and environmental education for all ages. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who enjoys working directly with program participants and is eager to educate the public in pursuit of a more sustainable NYC!

This position is currently based out of the LES Ecology Center’s Fire Boat House in East River Park. It is expected that the educational programming will be relocated to Seward Park during the course of this internship due to a construction project in the park. Some travel to local schools may be required.

Role & Responsibilities
This position offers an opportunity to work as part of a dynamic team and is best suited to someone who is an organized, strong collaborator that is able to work in a variety of environments and with different groups of people. Interns will be expected to commit to 20 hours per week and must be available on some weekends. This internship will run from mid-September to mid-December. Bilingual or multilingual skills are preferred. Job responsibilities include:

- Facilitate workshops for school and after-school groups in East River Park or at local sites, either with the Education Manager or independently.
- Aid in the development, planning, and presentation of education programs.
- Maintain and organize equipment used by the education and stewardship programs. This includes fishing tools, aquariums, gardening tools and work related vehicles.
- Care for our educational animals.
- Support in the transition to a new education center in Seward Park.
- Photograph and document events to tell stories and amplify our message on Ecology Center social media.
- Bring a fresh perspective and willingness to share ideas of your own as we develop new programs and ways of engaging the public.

To Apply: Please email cover letter and resume to Jennifer Bombardier at jennifer@lesecologycenter.org by August 27, 2021. No phone calls please.

There is a stipend available for this internship.

For more information about the Lower East Side Ecology Center, visit https://www.lesecologycenter.org/