



UPPER DESCHUTES
WATERSHED COUNCIL

ANDREW DUTTERER MEMORIAL INTERNSHIP

Internship Summary:

The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council announces an internship opportunity for the summer of 2026. This annual internship is being offered in memory of Andrew Dutterer, a partner and colleague of the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council who worked at the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board until his tragic passing in a car accident in 2021. This internship is funded by the Andrew Dutterer Memorial Fund, created by Andrew's family and friends.

To be considered for the internship, applicants must be a current student at Oregon State University Cascades Campus or Central Oregon Community College and currently studying natural resources, environmental science, environmental education, biology, hydrology, engineering or a related field. The internship will be approximately 10 weeks between July and September of 2026 with some flexibility for start and end dates. Interns will work approximately 30 hours per week on average and will be paid \$18/hour.

Who Are We?

The Upper Deschutes Watershed Council is a nonprofit organization with seven staff members who love rivers and seek to protect and restore rivers and streams in Central Oregon. We are a small staff committed to our mission to protect and restore the watersheds of the upper Deschutes River through collaborative projects in habitat restoration, watershed education, and long-term monitoring.

What is the Internship?

The internship will involve supporting our staff and various programs at the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council. The intern will learn about and help with our habitat restoration efforts, our monitoring program and our education and outreach programs. Interns will have a chance to experience working in the field of natural resources and also learn about and work with many of the other organizations the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council collaborates with. This experience is intended to provide work experience that will benefit Central Oregon students embarking on a career in natural resources.

What Will You Do?

The intern will be exposed to many different aspects of our work at the Upper Deschutes Watershed Council. One week the intern may be helping coordinate our annual Deschutes River Cleanup and another week the intern may be in the field collecting water quality monitoring data, helping with stream restoration efforts, or working to do stream surveys with one of our partner organizations. The intern might also help support our K-12 watershed education program and will support our environmental educators in delivering watershed education programs that help local students learn about our local rivers and streams. The intern will also attend meetings

with our staff to learn more broadly what it requires to do our work and also interact with many of the other organizations we work with.

More information about our restoration, monitoring, education, and community stewardship activities can be found at: <https://www.upperdeschuteswatershedcouncil.org/>

Duties will include, but not be limited to:

Internship Duties and Responsibilities

- Work with Upper Deschutes Watershed Council (UDWC) staff to help deliver habitat restoration, education, and monitoring programs
- Support UDWC watershed education and stewardship activities and events such as river clean-up events and K-12 education activities.
- Help with planning and implementing field work associated with habitat restoration projects scheduled for implementation this summer, or supporting other organizations with similar field work activities.
- Assist Watershed Council staff or partners with monitoring field work such as water quality temperature monitoring, groundwater measurements, vegetation surveys, macroinvertebrate sampling, and beaver surveys
- Attend meetings or project tours to learn more about the work of the UDWC and its partners
- Support our communications work by writing stories to share about the work of the UDWC
- Other projects as assigned and depending on skills and interests of the intern

Requirements

- Currently a student at Oregon State University Cascades or Central Oregon Community College studying natural resources, environmental science, environmental education, biology, hydrology, engineering or a related field.
- Willingness to work occasional evenings and weekends if necessary, and to travel to project sites periodically (need a valid driver's license).
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a team with a minimum of supervision.
- Ability to commit to the full 10 weeks of the internship.
- Regular and reliable attendance.
- Complete a background check.
- Ability to work in a variety of outdoor conditions, including rugged terrain and inclement weather;
- Ability to traverse uneven terrain while carrying equipment

Compensation

This is a part-time, temporary position, averaging 30 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work may be required. The wage is \$18/hour.

If applicable, the intern may be eligible to receive course credits through COCC or OSU-Cascades for this internship. UDWC staff will work with the selected candidate to determine if they have interest in pursuing this opportunity. The selected intern is encouraged to check with their advisor about internship credit possibilities.

Questions about the internship? Contact: Kris Knight, Executive Director, (541) 382-6103 x1
kknight@restorethedeschutes.org

Application Deadline: March 31st, 2026 Submit resume and cover letter to Kris Knight
kknight@restorethedeschutes.org

1. Include “UDWC Internship” in the subject line of the email.
2. Include the Cover Letter and Resume **combined into a single PDF file** attached to the email.

Applications must be received by **11:59 PM Pacific Time on March 31, 2026.**