

Thank you for your interest in LCLT's intern positions!



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Some General Information about LCLT's Internships:

Lopez Community Land Trust was established in 1989 and much important work has been accomplished with the help of interns. In 1992 LCLT developed the first completed Community Land Trust affordable housing neighborhood in the State of Washington. In 2002 LCLT developed the first mobile processing unit in the country, and in 2009 LCLT completed the first zero net energy, straw bale, affordable housing neighborhood in the country. LCLT has built five affordable housing neighborhoods, the last two with a goal of being "net zero" in energy usage. LCLT publishes a Farm Products Guide, established a fresh foods "food bank," partnered to establish a farm-to-school program, and has constructed a total of five affordable housing neighborhoods. LCLT operates a seed library which is GMO-free.

LCLT programs focus on unleashing the power of community. Interns come from many different backgrounds and interests, including college students and college graduates. Interns who arrive are interested in architecture and construction management, developing sustainable living models including sustainable agriculture, affordable housing, renewable energy and food security issues. We have had interns participate from the US and 10 countries around the world.

LCLT will help locate housing for all interns who require it. Housing is generally provided by volunteer hosts who have an extra room or guest housing. This housing is sometimes rustic, including wood-heated cabins, canvas tents or yurts and tepees. Some housing is a comfortable room within a house. As a part of the agreement with housing hosts, interns are required to work-trade a day per week for their hosts on a variety of projects, which may include gardening chores or light home maintenance tasks. LCLT makes every effort to match interns and prospective hosts with complementary lifestyles and expectations. Children and/or pets cannot be accommodated.

Interns are expected to exhibit initiative and self-motivation, and treat the experience in much the same way as they would employment. From time to time there are required seminars to attend as part of your work week. Interns shall participate at the rate of 32 – 40 hours per week for a minimum of six weeks and work hours are from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, unless otherwise stated.

Internships on Lopez bring you into an intimate setting, with many opportunities to enjoy the natural beauty of the surroundings in the San Juan Islands, and the experience of living in an island community where we depend on and celebrate one another.

Sustainable Agriculture Internships Spring/Summer/Fall 2015 on Lopez Island in

Washington Sustainable Agriculture internships offer work experience on organic farms and research work for future projects. Opportunities are available for touring permaculture operations and biodynamic farms in the area as well. Work sites include a horse drawn operated organic farm, an organic vineyard, an organic berry farm, soil building and permaculture for the latest affordable housing project, and some work with the farm-to-school program. Interns will be expected to exhibit initiative and self-motivation, and treat the experience in much the same way as they would employment. Since sustainable agriculture interns are distributed throughout the island farms, occasionally interns are required to meet an evening together with all other sustainable agriculture interns and LCLT staff. All internships require a minimum six-week commitment & four days per week on site. Sustainable ag interns receive \$100 per week stipend for discretionary food and expenses. Housing and/or tenting are available, and require a day of work-trade in exchange.

Construction Internships Spring/Summer/Fall 2015

Lopez Community Land Trust (LCLT) offers construction internships for the building of affordable housing. Interns are required to work with the homeowners, volunteers, and professional carpenters. They must commit to a minimum of 6 weeks, 4 eight hour shifts. They are required to put a fifth day into working for their host family, which usually involves gardening.

LCLT hires a construction supervisor that is also capable of teaching. All new tasks are taught. Intern tasks may include preparing forms for concrete, foundation pouring and finishing, framing, roofing with metal roofing, sheathing, sheeting, installation of solar panels, insulating, blocking, finish trim, painting, strawbale construction, etc. The interns do not do electric installation and plumbing, due to our code and licensing requirements, nor do they perform mudding and taping. All teaching is hands-on. There is an occasional classroom session for reading floorplans, budgeting and scheduling, and storm water controls on site. We also occasionally do classroom sessions if requested by an intern. Safety is taught throughout the season, for both tools and site arrangement. Recycling procedures and daily clean-up are stressed.

Each day begins with a circling of participants, during which the construction supervisor lays out the day's tasks and divides responsibilities. Interns are constantly encouraged to do more than they expect that they are capable of. Lunch is provided, with the construction supervisor and project manager present. The lunch times are important for sharing the vision of the project, hearing interns' dreams for their own lives, and bonding for teamwork on site. Construction interns receive a stipend of \$75 a week.

How To Apply

Please begin the application process by completing the "Construction" or "Sustainable Agriculture" Intern Application, and returning it to LCLT by email, mail, or fax. No payment is required. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; we have no fixed deadlines for applying. Interns need to review the "Agreement". Signing is not necessary until you become an intern with LCLT, but it is important to understand and agree to the terms of our agreement. LCLT will contact you after reviewing your application, usually within three weeks.

Still have questions?

If you have questions before you apply, please contact Rhea Miller at 360-468-3723 or lclda@rockisland.com. Also see our website at www.lopezclt.org.