



Community Internship Collaboration Business Proposal
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Describe your organization	The Pajarito Environmental Education Center (PEEC) is dedicated to sharing the nature of the Pajarito Plateau with people from Los Alamos, New Mexico, and the world. We serve 40,000 adults and children per year through the Los Alamos Nature Center; public programs such as talks, hikes, outings, and classes; school lessons and field trips; and our state-of-the-art planetarium.
Internship title	Education intern
Specific days/hours (if applicable)	Some hours during PEEC lesson times (school day) or birthday party hours (weekend), other hours to be determined in consultation between mentor and intern
What will the student learn from the internship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational pedagogy in informal and environmental education • How to design lessons with play-based and conservation-minded goals • Formal components of a lesson plan, and how to execute lessons in both informal and formal school settings • Time management • Lesson analysis and reflection • Practices for assessing lesson quality
What does your business need that a student intern can impact?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New perspectives for lessons • Support for educational programs
What project(s) will the intern work on?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design a series of lessons for the Nature Playtime preschool program held at the Los Alamos Nature Center or a comparable combination of lessons for Nature Playtime, birthday party, and/or other PEEC programs. • Help design and assess elementary field science lessons for expanding education efforts in communities outside of Los Alamos. • Help teach lessons at the nature center or in Los Alamos schools.
What skills are required for this internship?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enthusiasm for sharing nature with children of various ages and their families • Interest in being a leader in new settings, including in classrooms and outdoors • Creative thinking • Ability to work independently and as part of a creative team • Excellent verbal and written communication skills

What final deliverables will the student produce?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six written lessons for PEEC’s play-based-learning Nature Playtime program, or a comparable combination of Nature Playtime, birthday party and/or other PEEC lessons • Teach or co-teach four lessons, to include a combination of classroom lessons and nature center programs
How would you describe the primary purpose of this project? (Select one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science/IT <input type="checkbox"/> Science (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental) <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Project Management <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting/Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other
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