

## Health - Vector Control Internship

<b>Job Requisition</b>	R-19277 Health - Vector Control Internship (Evergreen) (Open)
<b>Job Family</b>	Interns
<b>Start Date</b>	04/03/2026
<b>End Date</b>	04/10/2026
<b>Primary Posting Description</b>	No

Current employees: Please apply through the employee portal to be considered for this opportunity.

Pay Range:

**\$16.30 - \$30.00 Hourly**

Department:

**Health Department**

Job Type:

**Intern**

Exemption Status:

**United States of America (Non-Exempt)**

Closing Date (Open Until Filled if No Date Specified):

**April 09, 2026**

The Opportunity:

Vector Control Internship

College to County Intern 2026 - Vector Control

Pay Rate: \$24 per hour

Job Type: Temporary College Intern

Duration: Summer 2026 - 12 weeks

Hours: 30-40 hours a week 8-4/M-F (schedule is somewhat flexible) Starting in June.

Telework: Hybrid

Building Physical Location: Vector Control, 5235 N Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97203

Does This Position Require Driving a County Vehicle? If so, please explain why and frequency:

Yes, daily for travel to/from field work locations.

TriMet Passes are available if transportation to County facilities is required.

Eligibility requirements and more details found on our College to County [website](#).

What Does Vector Control Do?

Multnomah County Vector Control works to better the lives of all people living within Multnomah County through the continued management and mitigation of insect and vertebrate vectors. We believe that all people deserve to live a life free from the threat of vector-borne disease. Working with MCVV provides a real and direct benefit for all people living within our wonderful county. Our program is part of the Health Department and Environmental Health Services. Vector Control monitors, suppresses or maintains at acceptable levels, a range of emerging and existing local public health vector populations in order to improve or sustain community livability and safety. The program also provides community based education in person in a variety of public settings.

Internship Description & Responsibilities:

This internship will support the Vector Control program to monitor various vector populations. Responsibilities in the role will include:

- Assist in monitoring mosquito populations by collecting adult mosquitoes throughout Multnomah County using various types of traps. Requires the ability to walk over rough terrain for up to 0.5 miles while carrying up to 25 lbs. of equipment.
- Attend in-person community outreach events throughout the County, representing both environmental health and vector control which will require some evenings and weekends. Time will be flexed accordingly.
- Collection of dead birds for disease monitoring and testing which requires training in and use of biohazard protocols.
- Assist with testing of rodents for disease surveillance using AVMA standards for humane treatment and euthanasia. Will involve live trapping of rodents.

Learning Outcomes:

During this internship you can expect to:

- Learn how an Integrated Pest Management program is used to protect public health, enhance livability, and protect the environment.
- Learn how community outreach is used to support Multnomah County's diverse populations, with a focus on education and prevention.
- Practice synthesizing information related to vector control and then communicating to the public in a way that is easily understood and acted upon.
- Connect to key staff who can help you deepen your understanding of environmental health and public service.
- Receive valuable feedback on strengths and areas for improvement to forward your public health or science career.

Education and Minimum Qualifications:

- Candidates should have completed or enrolled in a college/university academic institution with a public health or science focus.
- Ability to promote a culture of respect, inclusiveness, and appreciation of diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and values ([Link to Equity and Empowerment Lens](#))
- Have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation to Vector Control worksite (work vehicle will be provided for field work)
- Be able to navigate or find remote field sites using Google maps or similar
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Ability to confidently, comfortably, and respectfully talk with diverse audiences, representing the County in public
- Familiarity with Google Suite (e.g., Gmail, Calendar, Meet, Drive, Docs, and Slides) is desired but not required

In accordance with [Oregon Law](#), Multnomah County is not collecting school attendance dates in the initial application process; please do not include these dates in your resume, cover letter and other application materials.

Diversity and Inclusion: At Multnomah County, we don't just accept difference; we value it and support it to create a culture of dignity and respect for our employees.

We are proud to be an Equal Opportunity Employer. We evaluate qualified applicants without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, veteran or protected veteran status, genetic information and other legally protected characteristics. The [EEO Know Your Rights poster](#) is available for your reference. Multnomah County is a VEVRAA Federal Contractor. We request

priority protected veteran referrals.

Veterans' Preference: Under Oregon Law, qualifying veterans may apply for veterans' preference. Review our [veterans' preference page](#) for details about eligibility and how to apply.

Accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act: We gladly provide reasonable accommodation to anyone whose specific disability prevents them from completing an application or participating in this recruitment process. Please contact the recruiter below in advance to request assistance. Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may contact the recruiter through the Telecommunications Relay Service by dialing 711.

Questions?

Recruiter:

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Application information may be used throughout the entire selection process. This process is subject to change without notice.

Disclaimer: This announcement is intended as a general descriptive recruitment guide and is subject to change. It does not constitute either an expressed or implied contract.

Job Profile:

8007 - College Intern

<b>Worker Sub-Type</b>	Intern
<b>Location</b>	Vector Control
<b>Time Type</b>	Full time
<b>Locations</b>	
<b>Supervisory Organization</b>	Vector Control (Levi Zahn)