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of interns needed/Hours

Needed for quarters:

worked per intern:

Fall Winter

Varies

Spring Summer

Describe the internship assignment:

Ecostruction is a fourteen year old sustainable design and building company. Our firm specializes in developing communities that are healthy, functional and sustainable. The company was founded on principals of sustainable building, and we have proceeded with that intention throughout its duration. We pride ourselves on developing some of the first permitted, sustainable structures in many cities and counties throughout California. We are not a conventional building company making an attempt to become a ‘green’ building company. We take much pride in our work, and as such, our team holds the bar very high.

We generally need apprentice laborers and apprentice builders to perform all forms of work with regard to developing and constructing a sustainable structure. We specialize in using the following construction techniques: RASTRA, Rammed Earth, Strawbale, papercrete, earthen block, earthen plasters, and FSC certified conventional framing techniques.

We do not *necessarily* require experience, although a strong will and determined work ethic is **very** important. Crew continuity is of **primary** importance. Most person(s) that have been let go from our company have been so due to poor attitude.

- This work requires a large amount of brute strength (ability to lift about 75 lbs).
- Be assured that both men and woman have successfully made it through our apprentice program. *We are interested in the quality of the person and their desire to make our community a better place through one of the primary ways available to bring change to our communities – building.* Many apprentices come to us with the misconception that sustainable building is easier than conventional building. Sustainable building means more manual labor – we are generally constructing our buildings from more raw materials than in conventional construction. In conventional construction you are generally a professional assembly person.
- By the time an apprentice reaches a journeyman level; they know how to build using all of the forms of building that we most commonly use. This job requires a high level of tolerance and consistency for long days.
- A general apprenticeship lasts close to four and a half years. Although we do not expect student apprentices to be with us for nearly that long; the supervising builders should be given the same level of respect you may give your professors.