

OREGON NATIONAL PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER Volunteer Application

Mentoring is a time-consuming endeavor that is taken seriously by the scientists at the ONPRC, who devote a great deal of time, energy, and lab resources to such training. Because of this, we require that during the school year, students be willing to commit to no less than 10 hours a week of work in the lab, in periods of time no less than 3 hours in length, for a period of time to be agreed upon by you and the lab. Summer volunteers should plan to spend at least 20 hours per week in the lab for a period of time not less than 8 weeks.

The placement of volunteers in labs depends on many factors. While we will do our very best to accommodate you, it is not always possible to honor all the requests that we receive for volunteer experience. To assist us in our review of possible opportunities for you, please answer the following questions:

1. What prompted your interest in volunteering at the Primate Research Center (i.e. personal interest in research, school requirement, etc.)?

2. Describe your interest in science/research. In what way(s) do you foresee your training here at the Primate Center impacting your future?

3. What do you hope to learn from this experience (i.e. what are your goals)?

4. What knowledge, skills, and/or abilities will you bring to the lab?

5. What are some challenges that you might need to overcome in order to function in a lab environment?

6. What conflicts/restrictions on your available time should we be aware of?

Please also provide 3 letters of recommendation from individuals who are not related to you (high school students and undergraduates include at least 2 from current/former teachers or professors). Send all application materials to: Diana Gordon, Public Information Officer, Oregon National Primate Research Center, 505 NW 185th Avenue, Beaverton, OR 97006. Questions? Contact Diana Gordon at (503) 690-5201 or by e-mail (gordondi@ohsu.edu).