

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative
Practicum: Energy Efficiency Program Development

Supervisor:	Greg Mendonca, General Manager
Salary:	\$14.49/hour, 24 hours/week for 10 weeks
Period of Employment:	June 21, 2022 – August 26, 2022 3 days per week
Participation Requirements:	Living in the Methow Valley for the summer Enrollment in UEPP 471 Campus Sustainability Planning Studio course Meets 2 days per week (3 credits) Optional internship credits are available but not required (up to 8 credits)

Overview

Okanogan County Electric Cooperative (OCEC) is a not-for-profit electric utility owned by the members we serve. We are the retail electric provider for approximately 4,000 members across nearly 1,200 square miles of service territory in the beautiful Methow Valley. Our cooperative is governed by our democratically elected seven-person board, and we are driven by the seven cooperative principles which are:

1. Open and Voluntary Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Members' Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. Education, Training, and Information
6. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
7. Concern for Community

This position will work directly with our partners in power supply, PNGC Power and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), to research and develop an energy efficiency program to roll out to our membership. This program will include:

- Energy efficiency measures OCEC will offer
- Rebate levels for those measures
- Focus on low-income energy efficiency measures
- Engagement with local partners to find areas to collaborate with program execution

Responsibilities

This position will be responsible for

- Researching what available energy efficiency measures best fit OCEC membership based on publicly available demographic data and staff knowledge
- Coordinating with PNGC Power and BPA to educate themselves on BPA's energy efficiency program and offerings to OCEC
- Focus on low-income energy efficiency measures and coordinate with local partners who serve the low-income demographic in the service territory
- Prepare a report summarizing the research and recommending a program for the upcoming calendar year, including specific energy efficiency measures OCEC would offer, incentive/rebate levels, and anticipated usage of budget dedicated to energy efficiency
- Some basic customer-facing work including answering phones and taking messages, greeting customers at the door and directing questions, providing high levels of customer service with a positive attitude

Required Qualifications and Experience

- Ability to perform office/computer work
- Reliable transportation
- Ability to work alone and complete projects in a self-directed manner
- Ability to work in a team, give and receive feedback,
- Abide by all COVID-19 safety guidelines
- Applicants must have a working knowledge of basic Microsoft office products, with a focus on Microsoft excel
- Knowledge of basic energy efficiency building products, HVAC products, weatherization, lighting, would be beneficial

Educational/Professional Benefits

Real-world development of energy efficiency programs

Experience working with regional entities who routinely hire in the energy efficiency field (BPA)

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