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EARS Engineering Intern Program

The Eugene Area Radio Stations – EARS – has established an ongoing Engineering Intern Program to encourage students with an aptitude for electronics and engineering to pursue a career in Broadcast Engineering.

As a result of the “aging out” of many existing broadcast engineers, the radio broadcasting industry is desperate to find qualified replacement engineers to maintain and operate its local radio stations.

As a long-term solution to this employment problem, EARS has undertaken to secure access to the Cleveland Institute of Electronics’ nationally recognized online course “2 Broadcast Engineer”. The program is managed by Charlotte Nisser Allen (cnisser@uoregon.edu and (541) 346-5098). Nisser Allen is an EARS Member and the General Manager of KWVA, the University of Oregon student-run campus radio station.

EARS promotes the EEO-compliant program and solicits interns through on-campus Job Fairs and on its website, as part of its EARS Scholarship Program.

EARS Engineering Interns are paid for each of 96 week-long online courses that they successfully complete. Each weekly course includes a 10-part online questionnaire that must be scored successfully by CIE before the intern is paid. Courses may be completed faster than one per week.

Each Engineering Intern must also complete in-person radio station facilities visits while “shadowing” the stations’ own broadcast engineers in the normal course of operation.

It is the intention that these Engineering Interns become exposed to all the local radio stations operations, while at the same time, station management has the opportunity to become familiar with the intern. The anticipated outcome is that the intern will seek and find employment as a broadcast engineer with one or more of the local radio stations upon completion of the EARS Engineering Intern Program.

It is anticipated that the program may evolve into a for-credit course at the local university or community college, so the intern may transfer credits to a school for technical certification as a Broadcast Engineer.