The Society for Ecology Restoration--UW's (SER-UW) native plant nursery was established at the Center for Urban Horticulture in the spring of 2013. The SER-UW nursery maintains an inventory of roughly 2,500 plants native to the Puget Sound region, which are planted at a number of on-campus student-led restoration sites. The Society for Ecological Restoration--UW Native Plant nursery provides plants for our many restoration projects on campus including the Union Bay Natural Area, the Snaggle Site, Yesler Swamp, and Kincaid Ravinee and for Environmental Science and Resource Management (ESRM) restoration courses.

The nursery is completely student run and is currently managed by a graduate student in the Master of Environmental Horticulture program. They propagate plants by seed or vegetatively, and occasionally salvage plants from sites prior to development. Mainly focusing on hands-on experiential learning of horticulture and restoration, with a strong emphasis on sustainable plant production.

Volunteer work consists of fertilizing, watering, pot sanitation, weeding, pruning, potting, and up-potting and other propagation work to maintain and increase the native plant inventory.

The work is done primarily outside, as well as in the hoop house or greenhouse. It will consist of moderate physical labor.

Best nursery practices, plant ID, and some propagation skills will be learned.