

Museum Conservation Internship

Museums - Curatorial Services

Compensation: \$2,500.00

Application deadline: March 24, 2024

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) is seeking a *Conservation Intern* to serve in the curatorial services section of the Museum division. This internship offers hands-on conservation experience. This internship is intended for advanced pre-program students or those students entering their second year of a conservation graduate program. This intern will gain object conservation experience from a collection consisting of a wide range of dates and material types. The intern will experience all aspects of collections care, including preventive conservation, object re-housing, and collaboration with exhibits and collections management.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Complete the conservation, including documentation, of selected artifacts.
- Conduct any research necessary for treatment methodology and curatorial information.
- Enter all data into the collections database.
- Participate in all preventive conservation activities, including IPM and exhibit maintenance.
- Assist with preparation for conservation volunteers.
- Assist with constructing storage housings.
- Present a final project report at the Intern Expo on July 25.

Requirements:

- Prior knowledge of conservation as a profession.
- The ability to work independently with prolonged focus.
- Fine motor skills are necessary.
- Prior museum experience preferred.
- Graded Fine Arts and Chemistry courses preferred.
- Digital SRL and Photoshop experience preferred.
- Must be able to lift up to 40 lbs.

Time Commitment:

This internship spans from June 3 to July 26, with a minimum requirement of 160 hours. The working hours are flexible, Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The specific schedule will be established in accordance with the availability and mutual agreement between the intern and MDAH staff.

How to Apply:

Submit an online application through the MDAH website by March 24, 2024.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Program Manager, Erin Blackledge, at (601) 576-6985 or eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov.