

Museum Conservation Internship

Museum - Curatorial Services

Compensation: \$2,500.00

Application deadline: March 13, 2026

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 objects 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 rehousing, 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 30

Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in or recently completed a related accredited bachelor's or master's degree program
- Prior knowledge of conservation as a profession
- The ability to work independently with prolonged focus
- Well-developed motor skills
- The ability to lift up to 40 lbs

Preferred:

- Prior museum experience
- Graded Fine Arts and Chemistry courses
- Digital SRL and Photoshop experience

Time Commitment:

This internship runs from June 1 to July 31 and requires a minimum of 160 hours. Work hours are flexible, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with the specific schedule determined by mutual agreement between the intern and MDAH staff. Some exceptions may apply for required intern enrichment activities, professional development opportunities, and the final Intern Expo.

How to Apply:

Submit an online application through the [MDAH website](#) by March 13, 2026.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Program Manager, Meredith Kent, at (601) 576-7304 or mekent@mdah.ms.gov.