

State Archaeology Collections Internship

Historic Preservation - Archaeology

Compensation: \$2,500.00

Application deadline: March 13, 2026

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History (MDAH) is seeking an intern to join the archaeology section of the Historic Preservation Division to serve as a *State Archaeology Collections Intern*. Interns will assist the Collections staff in the inventory of state-owned archaeological collections as we work with tribal descendant communities to repatriate cultural items and ancestors under NAGPRA. Interns will have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in NAGPRA curation standards, collections management, and conservation practices, as well as participate in consultation with tribal descendant communities

Primary Responsibilities:

- Clean, label, and analyze artifacts
- Record and prepare inventory for entry into a collections database
- Accession artifacts and collections (curate and inventory)
- Identify contaminants and participate in appropriate treatment measures
- Present a final project report at the Intern Expo on July 30

Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in an accredited bachelor's or master's degree program, preferably in archaeology or a related field
- Strong confidentiality skills
- Ability to follow strict guidelines for handling and storing archaeological materials, including federal curation standards and NAGPRA
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Ability to perform technical work, make careful observations, and record data accurately and legibly
- Physical ability to bend, kneel, or climb occasionally
- Ability to push, lift, and carry a minimum of 40 lbs

Preferred:

- Archaeology field school or comparable field 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.