

USCHS HISTORY RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

The U.S. Capitol Historical Society hosts one or more interns from the undergraduate level who are pursuing a four-year degree in history, historic preservation, American studies, political science, architecture, architectural history, international relations, or related fields. **This internship is a research-based program.** Using a variety of sources, including primary sources online or at the Library of Congress or similar repositories, interns conduct research for ongoing Society projects. Primarily, research will center on entries for the Society's calendar, which features daily facts from 200 years ago.

Further opportunities may arise related to other projects or special events, including Society publications or assisting at lunchtime lectures or evening receptions. In addition, a day will be planned for interns to spend at a local historic site or museum to meet with public history professionals and discuss the challenges and rewards of operating such sites. This visit allows interns to gain insight into additional career opportunities within the discipline of history.

This internship is a wonderful opportunity for any self-motivated student who wishes to improve research skills, sharpen writing skills, and gain experience in the practical field of history.

Interns receive a stipend of \$15/hour. Ideally, interns work 32-40 hours (4-5 days) per week; however, we can accommodate other schedules, with a minimum of 20 hours (2.5 days) per week.

Successful applicants will:

- have a background and strong interest in American history.
- have experience working with primary sources, such as congressional records, newspapers, diaries, and collected papers.
- demonstrate strong writing skills, ideally including the ability to write for different audiences or platforms.
- be receptive to constructive criticism.
- have a passion for conducting historical research, or a strong interest in furthering their exploration of the practice.

Application requirements:

- Cover letter expressing your reasons for seeking the internship and how your experiences make you a good fit for the position
- Resume or CV
- Letter of recommendation from a professor in your department or a relevant field
- Writing sample (two-page minimum, preferably showing research experience)
- Unofficial copy of your transcript

Email your application materials to Lauren Borchard, Director of Historical Programs, at lborchard@uschs.org. If you have any questions, please contact her at (202) 543-8919 x11 or via email.

Application deadlines are listed on the main USCHS internship page.