



# Joseph Smith Historic Site

Nauvoo, Illinois

History Museum Management

Summer Internship

Explore and share the story of one of the 19<sup>th</sup> century's most successful communitarian groups in Nauvoo, Illinois. Established in 1839, Nauvoo grew quickly and became one of the largest cities in the state by the mid-1840s. Before the decade was over, growing political, economic, and military might and the introduction of controversial religious practices would lead to the assassination of Joseph Smith, Jr. (the Community of Christ's founder) and the break-up of the community. As an intern at the Joseph Smith Historic Site, you will have an opportunity to share the history of this National Historic Landmark District with thousands of visitors from around the world. Additionally, you will be introduced to the theory and practice of museum management as you assist in the day-to-day operations of the site.

## *Professional Experience*

The internship at the Joseph Smith Historic Site is an academic program that includes classroom learning, a hands-on practicum in interpreting the site, and an introduction to selected aspects of museum management. The academic course work consists of an introduction to Latter Day Saint history with an emphasis on the Nauvoo period and related Jacksonian Era U.S. history. Students who successfully complete the course work can receive 6 semester hours of credit through Graceland University. The class includes field trips to other historic sites in the area and a project that relates to and is of value to the site. These projects can be tailored to fit the educational emphasis of the student. In addition to history majors, the program is an especially good fit for education, business, and music majors. Education majors have the opportunity to develop museum education programs. Business students can assist in the development of museum store products and gain valuable retail management skills. Music students can research and perform 19<sup>th</sup> century music. Whatever the area of emphasis, the student will develop strong public speaking skills that will serve them well throughout their future careers.

## *Quality of Life*

Nauvoo, Illinois is a small town located on a stunningly beautiful bend of the Mississippi River. Heavily dependent on tourism, Nauvoo offers busy days and quiet nights. Shopping and entertainment venues are located in nearby Keokuk, Iowa.

## *Application and Compensation*

Applicants must have completed at least their senior year of high school. Interns earn \$300 per week. Housing and utilities are provided. All inquiries should be directed to:

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