History Internship Opportunities

* This is not an exhaustive list of internship opportunities, but rather a small sampling of the type of internship opportunities generally available for history majors outside of Utah. *

**American Historical Association**
Website: [http://www.historians.org](http://www.historians.org)
Location: Washington, D.C.
Description: The American Historical Association (AHA) is a nonprofit membership organization founded in 1884 and incorporated by Congress in 1889 for the promotion of historical studies. The AHA provides leadership for the profession, protects academic freedom, develops professional standards, aids in the pursuit and publication of scholarship, and supplies various services to sustain and enhance the work of its members. Interns at the AHA would aid staff members in the research and completion of various projects. Students would have the opportunity to live and research in Washington, D.C., but also spend valuable time working and networking with many professional historians.
Deadline: N/A
Application: Interested students should contact the Internship Coordinator for more information about contacting AHA staff members.

**History Center of Olmsted County**
Website: [http://www.olmstedhistory.com/](http://www.olmstedhistory.com/)
Location: Rochester, Minnesota
Description: The History Center of Olmsted County actively serves Olmsted County and the SE Minnesota region by collecting, preserving and interpreting the history and heritage of the region and offering a varied presentation of educational and outreach programs, special events, museum exhibits, a research center and archives. The organization owns and operates five historic buildings and properties of which two are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Interns would assist in cataloguing and researching artifacts in the Center’s extensive collection, among other projects.
Deadline: N/A
Application: Contact Cara Clarey, Curator of Collections and Exhibits, curator@olmstedhistory.com

**Michigan State University Library, African Studies Collection**
Website: [http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/africana](http://libguides.lib.msu.edu/africana)
Location: Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
Description: Interns would work with African bibliographer, Peter Limb, to assist in the the library’s Africana/African Studies collection, particularly the African Activist Archive boxes. This would provide students with a good experience working with primary historical sources and organizing knowledge. Dr. Limb would also provide training and mentored training on topics including cutting-edge digital sources in history, new tools, historiography etc.
Deadline: Intern wanted for Spring/Summer 2013 (preferably July-August)
Contact: Peter Limb limb@msu.edu
Michigan State University, Slave Biographies Project
Website:  http://slavebiographies.org/project/
Location:  Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan
Description:  Slave Biographies: The Atlantic Database Network is intended to provide a platform for researchers of African slaves in the Atlantic World to upload, analyze, visualize, and utilize data they have collected, and to link it to other datasets, which together will complement each other in such a way as to create a much richer resource than the individual datasets alone. There is a significant need for such a collaborative research site about Atlantic slavery. They are interested in working with both history and family history majors from BYU to help them in the final stages of their project.
Contact:  Walter Hawthorn, walterh@msu.edu

Rhodes University
Website:  http://www.ru.ac.za/corylibrary/
Location:  Grahamstown, South Africa
Description:  Cory Library is the prime custodian of the history and heritage of the Eastern Cape, holding vast book and archive collections stretching back to the early 1800s. For this reason Cory is world renowned and draws researchers from all over. Interns will attend to requests for archive collections, working with our catalogues, accession registers and finding aids. They will also process deposits into collections – this will involve interrogating manuscript materials, organizing the items into thematic categories, writing the synopsis, writing the meta-data for documents in the various folders, and writing the finding aid in the process. At the same time, the student could work on his or her honors thesis. We have sufficient material to “support” almost any topic in Eastern Cape or southern African history, politics, sociology, etc.
Deadline:  Given the time needed to prepare for an international internship, students should not delay in contacting Dr. Thomas.
Application:  Contact Dr. Cornelius Thomas, Head of Cory Library, C.Thomas@ru.ac.za

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Website:  http://www.ushmm.org/museum/volunteer_intern/intern/
Location:  Washington, D.C. (An excellent internship to do along with Washington Seminar)
Description:  The Museum’s internship program provides an environment for qualified candidates to learn about the Holocaust and about Museum operations. Included are hands-on projects and opportunities to work with Holocaust scholars and Museum professionals to learn about their roles, responsibilities, and backgrounds. Internships are available in these divisions: Academic Publications Division, Archives Division, Collections Division, Education Division, Film and Video Archives, Photo Archives, Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center Division, Library, Historians Division, and more.
Deadline:  Spring/Summer: March 1;  Fall: July 1;  Winter: October 15
Application:  Application is to be filled out and submitted online. Must include three academic/professional references and a personal statement.
The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has an extensive internship program at their headquarters in Washington, D.C. and at archives around the United States. Please visit their website to see all possibilities. Website: [http://www.archives.gov/careers/internships/](http://www.archives.gov/careers/internships/)

**Smithsonian Institution**

There are many different museums and research centers within the Smithsonian Institution to choose from. Website: [http://www.si.edu/interns](http://www.si.edu/interns)  
Location: Washington, D.C.  
Description: All sorts! (I've listed only two below.)  
Deadline: Varies based on program  
Application: All applications for all Smithsonian internships must be submitted through SOLAA (Smithsonian Online Academic Appointment System: [https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/SOLAAHome.html](https://solaa.si.edu/solaa/SOLAAHome.html)) but visit each museum’s individual websites to learn about their particular requirements and deadlines.

**National Air and Space Museum**
Website: [http://www.nasm.si.edu/getinvolved/intern/](http://www.nasm.si.edu/getinvolved/intern/)  
Location: Work at either the NASM on the National Mall or the Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia  
Schedule: 40 hours/week from June until second week in August (10 weeks)  
Description: The National Air and Space Museum offers an exciting work experience to college and university students through its Summer Internship Program. Interns have a firsthand opportunity to learn about the historic artifacts and archival materials housed in the Museum and to study the scientific and technological advances they represent. Each year positions are available in a variety of Museum areas such as Aircraft Restoration, Aviation or Space History, Planetary Science, Collections Management, Web & New Media, Exhibit & Graphic Design, Public Relations, Budget & Finance, Architecture & Engineering, and Education. Students from all fields of study are encouraged to apply.  
Stipend: $5,500 (Remember you can receive a stipend, just not an hourly wage.)  
Deadline: Applications are accepted from January 15 to February 15; decisions made by April 1  
Application: Apply online through SOLAA. Must include application form (available to download on their website), transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose.

**National Museum of American History**
Website: [http://americanhistory.si.edu/getinvolved/internprog.cfm](http://americanhistory.si.edu/getinvolved/internprog.cfm)  
Location: NMAH on the National Mall, Washington, D.C.  
Description: The National Museum of American History internship program allows a diverse group of people with innumerable interests, strengths, and goals to encounter an educational environment where they can work with and learn from professionals and scholars in related areas of concentration. The Museum offers interns of different backgrounds incredible opportunities in a variety of fields, from public relations to exhibition research to project design. Learning from knowledgeable mentors in the dynamic atmosphere of the Museum and Washington, D.C. area, interns enjoy an intensive experience as multifaceted as the Museum itself.  
Deadline: Spring/Summer: February 1; Fall: July 1; Winter: October 15;  
Application: Apply online through SOLAA. Must include application form (available to download on their website), transcripts, two letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose.
Library of Congress

Website: [http://www.loc.gov/hr/jrfellows/](http://www.loc.gov/hr/jrfellows/)
Description: The Library of Congress Junior Fellows Summer Intern program (10 weeks) offers undergraduate and graduate students insights into the environment, culture and collections of the world's largest and most comprehensive repository of human knowledge. Through the Junior Fellows program, the Library of Congress furthers its mission to provide access to a universal record of human knowledge and creativity as exemplified by its collections, while supporting current and future generations of students and scholars. The interns explore digital initiatives and inventory, catalog, arrange, preserve and research a backlog of copyright or special collections materials in many different formats in various divisions. Upon completion of their assignments, interns work closely with Library specialists and curators to plan and display and discussion featuring their most significant discoveries.

Stipend: $3,000
Deadline: End of February
Process: Apply through [www.USAnjobs.com](http://www.USAnjobs.com)

National Park Service
U.S. Department of Interior

Cultural Resources Diversity Program
Website: [http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/intrnCRDIP.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/intrnCRDIP.htm)
[http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/moreNPSinternships.htm](http://www.cr.nps.gov/crdi/internships/moreNPSinternships.htm)
Location: Headquartered in Washington, D.C. Internships can be done at many NPS historic sites and landmarks throughout the United States:
Description: Internships are offered during the summer (10 weeks). Projects include editing publications, planning exhibits, participating in archeological excavations, preparing research reports, cataloguing park and museum collections, providing interpretive programs on historical topics, developing community outreach, and writing lesson plans based on historical themes. They also offer a Career Workshop so that interns can learn more about more career opportunities in history.
Deadline: Dates vary for each internship
Application: Application form (available online), resume, cover letter, transcripts, and a list of three references.

Buffalo Bill Historical Center
Cody, Wyoming

Website: [http://www.bbhc.org/learn/internships/](http://www.bbhc.org/learn/internships/)
Location: Cody, Wyoming
Description: The Historical Center's summer internship program provides opportunities for students who want to gain practical museum experience, and to assist students in the development of new or expanded applications for their academic and professional interests. The internship program offers students hands-on involvement with the museum profession in a manner that cannot be duplicated in the classroom or through textbooks. These experiences may result in graduate theses and dissertations, and assist students in defining their career goals. Interns become aware of the professional practices and ethics of a workplace environment. Internships are available in these fields: archival, education, conservation, environmental, museum registration, American West, natural history, firearms, American Indians, and more.
Deadline: Spring/Summer: March 31
Application: Application is available online. Must submit a cover letter, resume, school transcripts, and three letters of recommendation.
Website: http://www.tenement.org/jobs.html
Location: New York City, New York
Description: The Lower East Side Tenement Museum is seeking interns to participate in its current work. Through programs and tours of its historic tenement building at 97 Orchard Street, the Tenement Museum seeks to promote dialogue and historical perspective about the varied immigrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side. These internships are open to college and graduate students interested in pursuing experience in a small museum setting in their particular field. Internships will begin the first week of June and run through the middle of August for a total of 10 weeks. Interns should expect to commit three days (21 hours) per week. Internships are available in the following departments: Public Affairs, Tenement Talks, Curatorial/Collections, Research/Exhibit Development, and Education.
Stipend: $1,000
Deadline: Varies based on the internship.
Application: Please include a cover letter, resume and one recommendation letter, and any materials requested in individual position descriptions. Send your application to internship [at] tenement.org with the position name in the subject line. No phone calls, please.

Website: http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/cms/InternshipOpportunities+/442.html
Location: Atlanta, Georgia
Description: An internship at the Atlanta History Center is a challenging, educational experience designed for undergraduate and graduate students interested in pursuing a career in any aspect of museum administration and/or public history. Working alongside AHC staff in a tutorial arrangement, interns gain valuable skills and training in their chosen field. While specific projects vary with AHC needs and priorities, opportunities will be available in a variety of areas. See this website for detailed descriptions: http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/cms/InternshipProjectDescriptions/302.html
Deadline: April 15 (for June-August internships)
Application: Complete an application form (available online) and submit with a resume, required essays, two letters of recommendation, and official transcripts.

Website: http://www.alplm.org/education/interns.html
Location: Springfield, Illinois
Description: Transcribe an oral history; write a lesson plan; develop marketing strategies; work hands-on in our manuscript, audio/visual and Lincoln collection areas; teach a child the art of the "hoop and stick. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) is committed to providing learning opportunities and career-enhancing experiences to college and graduate students. Whether greeting the public on the front lines or working behind the scenes in administrative departments, interns take an active role in executing the mission of the presidential museum and library. Working with professional staff as part of a skilled team, interns participate in significant projects as well as day-to-day operations as they become familiar with the museum and library fields. References and contacts gained through work as an intern can be helpful in securing future employment and admission to further programs of study. Students and recent graduates in history, museum studies, library science or education are highly encouraged to apply.
Deadline: Winter: November 1; Spring/Summer: March 1; Fall: July 1
Application: Complete an Intern Application Form (available online), and submit a resume, two letters of recommendation, college transcripts, and statement of intent.
The Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, a nonpartisan federal institution operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, seeks talented and energetic interns in each of our three departments: The Museum, the Education Department, and the Archive.

Deadline: Spaces are limited and internships are awarded on a rolling semester-by-semester basis by a competitive process.

Application: To apply for an archival or curatorial position, send a resume and cover letter by email or U.S. Postal Service to the Library’s address, listed on their website.

The Museum of Tolerance

Internship opportunities in museum education, Youth Action Lab, Research and Evaluation, and Library and Archives. Required to work at least 10-15 hours a week.

Deadline: Accepted on a rolling application basis, or until all positions are filled.

Application: Applications are available online. Application must include a resume, work/education, and three references.