Joseph Smith Papers Academic Internship

Purpose: This internship seeks to provide opportunities to students interested in Mormon history to obtain training and education in documentary editing and in primary and secondary sources pertaining to the Joseph Smith-era of LDS history. Education in these areas will come through working closely with volume and production editors on the Joseph Smith Papers and through actual hands-on experience with documentary editing tasks such as document transcription, transcription verification, preparation of documents for web publication, research for document annotation, back matter preparation, and source checking, among others. Under the direction of the history department at Brigham Young University, this unpaid internship will provide students with academic credit.

Internship Requirements: Students must put in at least 126 hours over the course of a semester, mostly onsite at the Church History Library in Salt Lake City. Your department may require more or fewer hours; please check with the contact person listed below for the specific requirements. Students will submit weekly reports of hours spent on the internship, including a summary of activities performed during that week, to their supervisor in the Church History Department. Please note that your department may have additional specific requirements for students to receive credit for the internship.

Qualifications: Students must be enrolled in a history program or a related field (American studies, English, etc.) at Brigham Young University. Students must conform to the requirements for employment at the LDS Church, including membership in the church and temple worthiness. To apply for the internship, please contact Maren Kirwan at Brigham Young University. Students may be asked to undergo a brief interview with Joseph Smith Paper Project employees. Not all students who apply for the internship will necessarily be selected.

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