

Museum Education Internship

Two Mississippi Museums

Compensation: \$2,500.00

Application deadline: March 24, 2024

The Mississippi Department of Archives & History seeks a *Museum Education Intern* to serve at the Two Mississippi Museums. This education internship offers unique opportunities to learn about all aspects of museum education. Working with the Two Mississippi Museums Education Team, this intern will engage in hands-on learning by designing and facilitating educational materials and activities for various audiences. Activities include leading thematic tours for students, intergenerational families, and adult audiences; designing and facilitating participatory and informal exhibit activities; participating in research and writing projects; and creating lesson plans to help provide educators and visitors with methods and materials for using primary sources as teaching tools.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Create hands-on activities that can be presented in the permanent exhibits and temporary galleries.
- Develop Gallery Carts to engage visitors using objects from the education prop collection.
- Engage visitors from the general public in historical inquiry activities during events or while staffing the galleries, honing public speaking and teaching techniques.
- Assist with tours, both in-person and virtual.
- Write Theme Tours with engaging activities on specific topics in the Two Mississippi Museums.
- Help develop Student and Teacher Guides for museums and temporary exhibits.
- Present a final project report at the Intern Expo on July 25.

Requirements:

- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Experience working with people of various age groups and backgrounds is preferred.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Interest in U.S. political and social history.
- The ability to work collaboratively with Two Mississippi Museum staff and volunteers.
- The ability to manage several projects simultaneously with deadlines.
- A willingness to try new things.

Time Commitment:

This internship spans from June 3 to July 26, with a minimum requirement of 160 hours. Hours are flexible, Tuesdays through Saturdays, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., with occasional evenings and weekends required. The specific schedule will be established in accordance with the availability and mutual agreement between the intern and MDAH staff.

How to Apply:

Submit an online application through the MDAH website by March 24, 2024.

For more information, please contact the Human Resources Program Manager, Erin Blackledge, at (601) 576-6985 or eblackledge@mdah.ms.gov.