



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

MDAH Executive Director

Salary Range: \$140,000-\$168,000

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) is seeking a new executive director to lead the agency following the retirement of the current director.

The director leads Mississippi's state historical agency, overseeing a staff of approximately 160 people and a budget of roughly \$13 million. The director serves as the public face of MDAH and represents the agency to a wide range of stakeholders.

The director plays a central role in fundraising and resource development. The director must be able to clearly communicate the agency's mission, articulate its priorities, and tell the story of its impact. The director leads engagement with the Legislature, donors, foundations, grant-making organizations, and the public.

The director serves as the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archivist. In these roles, the director works closely with division leaders to ensure the agency's statutory responsibilities are met and its strategic goals are advanced.

The director supervises the division directors for Administration, Museums, Archives and Records Services, Historic Preservation, Programs and Communication, as well as the development director. The director is expected to foster collaboration, provide clear leadership across divisions, and serve as a compelling and effective communicator on behalf of the agency.

MDAH is governed by a nine-member Board of Trustees that appoints the director, and the director reports to the board. The new director will begin working alongside the executive team in January 2026.

Education: Bachelor's Degree from an accredited four-year college or university. An advanced degree is preferred.

How to Apply:

Email the following materials to executivesearch@mdah.ms.gov by **Friday, September 19:**

- Resume
- Cover letter presenting your interest in the position, how your experience aligns with the agency's mission and priorities, and your most relevant qualifications
- Contact information for three professional references who will be contacted as part of the selection process

All applications will be kept confidential. Candidates must complete a background check before participating in a final interview with the Board of Trustees.