North American Archaeology Internship

The North American Archaeology Department of the American Museum of Natural History offers Lab Researcher Internship positions in the North American Archaeology Lab (NAARCH Lab) for undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students. The interns will handle, store, and analyze a wide variety of artifacts from southeastern North America. Lab interns have the opportunity to work with faunal remains, lithics, Native American and European ceramics, Spanish colonial artifacts, and numerous other material types. Lab work typically consists of washing, cataloging, and organizing recent collections as well as data management. Additional projects have involved fine-grained sorting of excavated materials, non-destructive analysis using PXRF, and basic level artifact analysis and documentation. In addition to lab work, interns will also be considered for our ongoing fieldwork program in Georgia, USA.
Our fieldwork package offers room and board, transportation, and a monetary stipend for three weeks.

Individuals interested in joining the NAARCH Lab Internship should be highly motivated, patient, detail-oriented, and professional. Individuals who have not yet completed their junior year need not apply unless they have extensive experience that offsets their lack of academic training. Prior archaeological experience in either the field or in the lab is not necessary but will be a factor in our selection. The application form can be found at: http://www.amnh.org/our-research/anthropology/policies-links/internship-program Remember to specify your interest in North American Archaeology on the application.

The internships are unpaid. A paid position is possible dependent on departmental funding. You may indicate your interest in a paid position on the application, but please be aware that checking only the paid position box may affect your chances. Course credit can be offered to those individuals currently enrolled in an accredited school of higher learning. The North American Archaeology Lab offers three internship sessions a year (summer, fall, and spring). The NAARCH department asks interns to commit to two or three days a week, for a period of 10 weeks per semester. The number of interns accepted varies according to the research goals per semester.

Internship Application Deadlines

- Summer Session (June to August), submit February 1 - April 1
- Fall Session (September to December), submit June 27 - August 4
- Spring Session (January to May), submit October 1 - December 1

Interested applicants must submit a resume or CV, contact information for three references, a one page statement of purpose and the completed application form. The statement of purpose should briefly outline the applicant’s prior experience in archaeology as well as their future plans within the discipline. Individuals with questions should feel free to email tblaber@amnh.org

Applications may be sent to tblaber@amnh.org or mailed to:

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