



Summer 2024

Museum Education Internship: Civil War Traveling Trunk

The Maryland Center for History and Culture is seeking a reliable and motivated intern to help the Education team update our Traveling Trunk program with a focus on the Civil War trunk. The intern will have opportunities to explore our collections, conduct research, and impact education programming. Additionally, the intern will gain valuable experience related to program development and varied approaches to museum education.

The intern will work with the Museum Learning Manager and the Education Programs Specialist both in-person and remotely.

About the Traveling Trunk Program

The Traveling Trunk program serves nearly 10,000 students and teachers across Maryland and other states each school year. Each set of trunks covers certain historical topics, such as Colonial Maryland, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, Growing Up in Maryland, and Indigenous Peoples of the Chesapeake. The trunks contain reproduction artifacts, lesson plans, books, and primary sources to facilitate hands-on learning in the classroom. Teachers can rent the trunk for three-week periods to use in their classroom. Learn more about the trunks and view photos [here](#).

Responsibilities:

- Assess the existing Civil War trunk—including its current curated objects, lesson plans, and container—for potential improvements;
- Research topics with MCHC's special collections;
- Develop new and/or refine old lesson plans for object-based classroom learning;
- Propose potential changes to objects in the trunk and to the trunk container;
- Support incorporation of institutional Diversity, Equity, Access, and Inclusion (DEAI) goals within educational resources;
- Support implementation of MCHC's Summer Teacher Institute;
- Deliver programs as needed (training will be provided).

Qualifications:

- Enrollment in or completion of a B.A., B.S., or M.A. program in History, American History, Public History, Art History, Museum Studies, Museum Education, or related field required;
- Experience conducting historical research, especially in 19th-century and/or US or Maryland history;
- Experience engaging with elementary students in learning environments;
- Experience with object-based learning, lesson plan development, and/or current school curriculum is a plus;
- Excellent written communication skills, especially for student and educator audiences;
- Strong editing skills in written and physical content;
- Strong technology skills, including experience with Microsoft Office and Google Docs/Sheets/Drive;
- Ability to lift up to 50lbs is a plus, but not required.

About the Position:

- A \$3000 stipend will be provided for approximately 200 hours of experience over the course of the 10-week internship
- The internship will begin in late May.
- Candidate should present a rough idea of a consistent weekly working schedule of about 20 hours per week. Weekdays preferred. An ideal schedule would be three days a week, working 6-7 hours per day, including on average one day working remotely each week.
- The selected candidate must undergo a background check to before beginning the internship.
- Complimentary MCHC membership, including free library and museum admission;

How to Apply:

Please email a cover letter, resume, and contacts of two professional or academic references to educationprograms@mdhistory.org. Subject line: Summer 2024 Museum Education Internship Application.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

MCHC's Mission:

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About MCHC:

The Maryland Center for History and Culture is an equal opportunity employer that seeks to educate people of all ages about the American experience through the rich history of Maryland using its collections and to preserve important objects and archival materials from prehistoric Maryland to the present day. MCHC collects, preserves, and interprets the history, art, and culture of Maryland. By exploring multiple perspectives and sharing national stories through the lens of Maryland, MCHC inspires critical thinking, creativity, and community. Learn more about our Education Programs at mdhistory.org.