

**K-12 Educational Interpreter Internship
Missouri History Museum,
St. Louis, MO**



The Missouri History Museum in Forest Park is accepting applications for non-paid internships in our Community Education and Events department. Interns will be responsible for working with K-12 school groups who visit the museum, including presenting educational tours of the galleries and leading classroom activities. Additional responsibilities include preparing activity materials both before and after schools' visits, maintaining up-to-date knowledge of the Museum's exhibitions, and possibly engaging in some educational program design.

The internship period is from August 15, 2010 – December 31, 2010, with an orientation meeting and training sessions in mid-August 2010. This schedule will be variable depending on demand from schools and the needs of the Education Coordinator, but will range from 0-20 hours/week with most duties required between the hours of 8:00AM and 3:00PM. Professional activities will take place principally at the History Museum, but other locations (such as the Library Research Center or schools in the Saint Louis region) may be possible as well. **Option for credit is available with a minimum completion of 150 hours. This internship can lead to our paid education internships and is a prerequisite for application to these openings.**

The preferred candidate will have experience working with students in the K-12 age range. S/he will have an engaging presence, excellent communication skills, the ability to work as part of a team, and the ability to modify messages to meet audience needs. Additional qualifications include sensitivity to multiple kinds of diversity and commitment to creating a positive group dynamic. Knowledge of child development theory and skills in creative disciplines (dance, fine arts, music, etc.) are also highly desirable. Major exhibits this semester include *Home Lands: How Women Made the West* and *Treasures of Napoleon*. Programs will be highly interdisciplinary and will involve studio art, foreign language, mathematics, dramatic movement, and more.

Candidates should be undergraduate or graduate students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher majoring in Education, History, English, American Studies, Anthropology, Special Education, Sociology, Religion, Philosophy, Foreign Languages (especially French, Spanish, or German), Art, Dance, Theatre or other related field. **This internship is ideal for future educators who wish to gain experience, flexibility, and confidence working with students from diverse backgrounds, with wide-ranging ability levels, in many age groups, and across multiple disciplines.**

Admission to this internship program is on a competitive basis. To apply, applicants should send a résumé, two letters of recommendation, and cover letter detailing educational background, experience with children, and career goals. Applicants are also invited to include an optional portfolio of teaching experience, student work, or lesson plan designs, but should not hesitate to apply even if such materials are unavailable at this point in their careers.

Completed applications should be sent by regular mail or email **by May 15th** to:

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