

Internship/Job Title: Summer Internships at Hancock Shaker Village

Paid/Unpaid: Paid

(If applicable) Rate/Stipend: \$2,500 (stipend paid in weekly installments of \$250)

Credit Available: No

If yes: HS ___ College ___

Duration/Dates/Semester: June 6-August 12, 2023

Total Hours per week: 40

Company/Organization Name: Hancock Shaker Village

Work Location: Hancock Shaker Village, Pittsfield, MA

Remote Work Available: No

Company/Organization Description (and mission):

Hancock Shaker Village is a vibrant living history museum and one of the oldest working farm in the Berkshires. Hancock Shaker Village is a National Historic Landmark dedicated to sharing the history, legacy, and continuing relevance of the Shakers, a religious group devoted to equality and peace who lived on this land from 1790 until 1960. With 20 historic buildings and a working farm and garden, the Village is open April through December for self-guided tours, demonstrations, talks, and programs ranging from concerts to goat yoga.

The mission of Hancock Shaker Village is to bring the Shaker story to life and preserve it for future generations; to collect and preserve the property and artifacts that demonstrate the history, industry, life, and traditions of the Shakers and their achievements/contributions to the American way of life; to exhibit the collections of Shaker buildings, furnishings, libraries, and objects of art; to enable and conduct studies and research into Shaker and American community history; and to reflect on living a principled life and the values the Shakers embraced: integrity, racial and gender equality, pacifism, community, sustainability, responsible land stewardship, innovation, and simplicity.

Reports to: Chair of the Department to which the intern is assigned

Description of Duties:

This immersive, ten-week program begins with orientation on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, and concludes the Village's summer Gala on Saturday, August 12. Summer internships are full time (40 hours/week) and may include weekend shifts. Weekly schedules will be determined in advance of arrival by the interns and their supervisors. Internships are available in the following departments:

- Curatorial/Collections
- Development
- Farm & Garden
- Communications
- Museum Education

Detailed descriptions of each department's internship can be found at

<https://hancockshakervillage.org/home/employment/summer-internship-program/>.

Learning Outcomes:

Interns contribute to the successful operation of this dynamic public site while expanding their skills in and knowledge of museum functions and practices. Specific outcomes are noted within each department's internship description.

Skills/Competencies Required:

All internship applicants should have a strong commitment to learning about the work they will experience during their internship; a demonstrated ability to take direction and work both independently and as part of a team; and success working in an environment in which no two days are alike! Individual internships may have other requirements (please see descriptions).

The program is ideally suited for college-aged young adults, although high school juniors and seniors are welcome to apply.

How to apply and available until:

Applicants should send a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information for two professional or academic references directly to Cindy Dickinson, Director of Education, Hancock Shaker Village, at cdickinson@hancockshakervillage.org no later than Friday, March 17, 2023. If you are applying for more than one internship, please identify each internship by name and outline your qualifications for each separately.

Questions? Contact Cindy Dickinson at cdickinson@hancockshakervillage.org or at 413-443-0188 x213