

# **Internship Opportunities for History Majors**

## **(History 482)**

**\*\*INTERSHIPS ARE ONE OF THE WAYS TO EARN UNITS TOWARD THE HISTORY MAJOR PRACTICUM REQUIREMENT AND HISTORY MAJORS MAY COMPLETE MORE THAN ONE PRACTICUM UNIT OF INTERNSHIP. SUMMER INTERNSHIPS ARE POSSIBLE, AS ARE INTERNSHIPS THAT STUDENTS THEMSELVES CREATE.**

### ***Why pursue an internship?***

- Internships can show you some of the different ways in which your history training can be applied
- Internships open the door to future employment: they look great on your resume, allow you to network, and provide you with the skills necessary to be competitive in seeking employment
- Internship credit shows up on your transcript and counts for the History Major: ALL students entering the program since the Fall of 2014 must complete 4 units of Practicum to graduate. Internships are an excellent way to earn these units!
- Internships are FUN!!

***Placement Sites for History Internships (please note that not all sites will be available at all times. Plan ahead by contacting Prof. Suzanne Pasztor before you sign up for the Internship class, to ensure a placement, check on what's available, and ensure that any self-designed internship is approved for credit)***

**Arcata Veteran's Hall:** Interns may assist in processing documents and objects related to the history of veterans in Humboldt County, conduct oral interviews with veterans, and help in the creation of a public museum space. <http://www.arcataveteranshall.org/>

**Clarke Museum:**

Located in Old Town, Eureka, the Clark Museum is a treasure trove of local history, including an amazing collection of baskets and other native artifacts. Interns may assist in processing objects for exhibit, and conducting background research for museum exhibits.

<http://www.clarkemuseum.org/>

**Trinidad Museum**

Housed in a turn-of-the-century Victorian home in Trinidad, the collection focuses on Trinidad's rich cultural and natural history, with emphasis on Tsurai Village, Yurok traditions, European contact, the Gold Rush, whaling, fishing, shipping, logging, transportation, Trinidad Head lighthouse, and commerce. Student interns will work with the museum's collection, archives, and the public. <http://www.trinidadmuseum.org/>

**Ferndale Depot Museum**

This museum houses collections relating to the history of the Eel River Valley, particularly the railroad and farming heritage of the area. The museum is located in a historical building dating back to 1853. Interns assist in processing materials and preparing exhibits.

<http://www.visitredwoods.com/listing/fortuna-depot-museum/25/>

**Eureka Woman's Club**

Established in 1917, the Eureka Woman's Club has served as a meeting place for the local community. They are seeking an intern to organize the club's historical archives.

<http://www.eurekawomansclub.org/>

**Humboldt Senior Resource Center**

This agency, which serves the elderly in Humboldt County, is 45 years old and is seeking a Historical Content Coordinator to organize the agency's archives and historical materials, in preparation for digitization and presentation to the public. <https://humsenio.wordpress.com/>

**US Forest Service, Heritage Department**

The USFS Heritage Department office, located in Eureka, is seeking a student intern to digitize historical documents. USFS records relate to local lands dating from the 1970s to 2005. There are also opportunities for site visits to monitor historic sites on USFS lands.

**Humboldt County Historical Society:**

Work with archivists (and HSU History alums) in the Society's Eureka office organizing photos and documents of all kinds related to the rich history of Humboldt County.

<https://www.humboldthistory.org/>

**Humboldt Room/Library Special Collections/Redwood National Park:**

The HSU Special Collections department works regularly with History majors on a variety of internship projects. In addition, the Humboldt Room is collaborating with Redwood National Park to support interns working on projects directly related to the Park. Carly Marino is the person to contact with questions. <http://library.humboldt.edu/about/internships>

**Additional Internship Sites that are not immediately active but may, with student interest, be reactivated include:****Fern Cottage:**

Located in Ferndale, this Victorian cottage built in the 1850s contains a small museum, as well as an abundance of artifacts, paper documents and photos. Interns receive training in archives management and museum docent work. <https://ferncottage.org/>

**Blue Lake Museum**

This museum focuses on the railroad and logging history of the Mad River Valley. It also contains a collection of Native American basketry, as well as research materials on the boom years of Redwood Country. <http://www.bluelakemuseum.org/>

**For all questions related to History internships, and to arrange an internship, please contact Dr. Suzanne Pasztor at  
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