



Internships at the Stearns History Museum give students a professional experience in the museum field.

We offer a general introduction to the museum profession. The work is structured to include various departments depending on the Museum's and intern's needs and can include artifact collections management, exhibits development, and archival projects. Individual projects will be performed under the supervision of staff members responsible for that area. Internships are unpaid.

Qualifications

Any College student may qualify as an intern. Preference is given to History, Public History, Library Science and Anthropology majors although other majors such as Art History, Art, Photography and English are encouraged to apply.

Time Commitment

All internships require a minimum of 120 hours per semester for completion. This requirement ensures the student will have adequate time to explore the museum profession.

What projects do interns do?

Museum interns are assigned a wide range of duties and projects including cataloging artifacts, photographs, and archival manuscripts, and researching and implementing exhibits.

Previous intern projects have included researching exhibit topics, creating educational programs, and building exhibits. Each project broadens the academic experience.

A completed internship can be a bridge between college experience and professional life.



Responsibilities of the Museum

- The Stearns History Museum will assign a specific staff member the responsibility of working with an intern.
- Interns will receive training by professional staff members.
- Interns will be treated as staff members.
- Interns will work in safe conditions.
- The museum will maintain contact with the intern's faculty advisor.

Responsibilities of the Intern

- Interns will follow a set work schedule. Any deviation must be cleared by the student with staff mentor in advance.
- Interns must abide by the ethics policies set by the Museum.
- Interns are responsible for readings, if applicable.
- Interns are responsible for finishing projects assigned to them within the term of the internship.
- Interns must abide by all safety standards and practices of the Stearns History Museum.
- Interns must observe Museum personnel policies.

Mission: The Stearns History Museum connects people to the power of history and culture by collecting, preserving, and interpreting our historical and cultural resources.

Vision: The Stearns History Museum will be a place where citizens of central Minnesota can honor their diverse history and recognize that the past is what built the present and is a road map to the future.

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