

Public Programs Internship: Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH)

The Oneida Community Mansion House, once home to a 19th century socialist utopian group, announces an **internship opportunity in education and public programs**. The intern trains with the Curator of Education and learn effective public history methodologies which ensure a quality experience for museum users.

Intern's responsibilities include: leading tours of the site that engage visitors via multiple mediation techniques; assisting the daily delivery of other public programs, including the Mansion House Summer Camp; and research of site-related materials to assist Curator of Education with program development.

The OCMH does not offer stipends at this time; however, our institution is happy to work with students who are applying through their accredited college or university to obtain credit for this unique experiential learning opportunity. OCMH can provide housing for the course of the internship.

The OCMH is a 19th century National Historic Landmark built by and for the utopian socialist Oneida Community in central New York State. OCMH comprises 93,000 square feet of interior space sited on over 200 acres of landscaped grounds. The Mansion House includes exhibits, period rooms, a library, and continues to provide lodging and residential housing. OCMH conducts programming and sponsors research on 19th and early 20th century society and themes, such as communitarianism, gender, class, childhood, agriculture, industrialization, artistic expression, and craft work.

Requirements

- Commitment to an eight-ten week internship program (May 29 through August 10 – dates are flexible), which comprises working four days a week, approx. 9:00 AM to 5:00PM (~30 hours/week).
- Must be able to work a varied schedule of two to three days a week, including weekdays and occasional weekends
- Demonstrated ability to be responsive to inquiries and comments.
- Undergraduate study of museum studies, history, anthropology, or cognate discipline.
- Basic proficiency in office technology (e.g. MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- A ready-to-learn attitude, and professional work ethic, punctuality, and reliability.
- Must be able to climb stairs and to lift 40 lbs.
- A laptop is not required, but is desirable.
- Academic credit is to be determined by student's university. Preference is given to learning internships in which the intern receives course credit, but other internship opportunities are also considered.

Application Process

Review of applicants will begin immediately.

Send completed application, by May 4, 2018, to Molly Jessup, Curator of Education, Oneida Community Mansion House, 170 Kenwood Avenue, Oneida, NY 13421 USA or mjessup@oneidacommunity.org.

Submit a cover letter (explaining personal interests and qualifications, reasons for wanting to work at the OCMH, and desired learning outcomes), one-page resume, and contact information for two references or a faculty sponsor letter.

For more information on the OCMH, see: <http://www.oneidacommunity.org/>, or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Oneida-Community-Mansion-House-105994516110884/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/OCMH1848>).

After reviewing application materials, and careful consideration of student's interests, education, and experience the OCMH will arrange an interview between the potential intern and the Curator of Education.