



History Colorado

External Announcement – Fellowship Opportunity

Fellowship Title: Native American and Indigenous Collection Fellowship

Fellowship Location: History Colorado Center, Denver, CO

Stipend: \$5,000. The stipend is not salary or compensation. The stipend is meant to support study and research during the tenure of the appointment and will be issued in three installments.

*Qualified candidates may receive academic credit through their college or university. *Check with your school's Internship Coordinator BEFORE accepting the hiring offer to determine if this position satisfies the criteria for receiving academic credit.*

History Colorado is committed to anti-racism practices across its institution and outlined in [these](#) grounding virtues. As such, we encourage members of Black, Indigenous, Latino Hispanic, People of Color, LGBTQ+ and persons with disabilities communities to apply for this internship.

Apply By: August 16, 2024

Desired Schedule: 180-200 hours (September to December). Tuesday and Wednesdays preferred, with the option to work remotely one day during the week.

Broad Scope of Position: The Associate Curator of Native American and Indigenous History is looking for a fellow interested in Native American and Indigenous cultural belongings, and/or of Native American nationality. The fellow will work with a large collection of Native American beadwork. The estimated number of items is 650, not including pairs such as moccasins or earrings. The collection consists of vintage and contemporary beadwork and regalia with documented provenance, which includes the names of makers and sale documentation. Duties will include:

- Process and catalog objects to the Argus Collection Management System.
- Add details to the collection, such as biographical research.
- Tag collection items, including hand written or sewn numbers per item.
- Photograph the individual cultural belongings for future access and digitization, as deemed appropriate and ethical.
- With the help of History Colorado staff, stabilize collection items in need.

Outcomes: The fellow will advance skills in intellectual control, physical handling of collection items, and object photography. This fellowship provides the participant with direct hands-on experience with Native American cultural belongings, collection management experience, and project management insights.

Desired Skills & Academic Field of Study: Current or recent graduate student in American History, Archaeology, Art History, Ethnic Studies, Museum and Field Studies, Native American



History Colorado

and Indigenous Studies, Public History, or related degree program.

- Experience or comfort handling fragile one-of-a-kind objects
- Independent worker that is at ease asking for directional clarity
- Works well with others and collaborative
- Meticulous attention to detail, ability to cross check and verify information
- Computer skills including Microsoft or Google Suite and Adobe Creative Cloud
- Base knowledge of museum database and data entry skills
- Knowledge or interest in Native American and Indigenous material production or history preferred
- Knowledge of or strong ability to learn scanners, printers, and camera equipment

To Apply for this Position: Submit a resume or CV, a cover letter explaining interest in this Fellowship, demonstrating experience working in a cultural institution, or coursework directly related to the desired field(s) of study, and your answer to the question below to Director of Volunteer Engagement Emily Dobish, emily.dobish@state.co.us.

As a response to the national protests regarding systemic injustice, History Colorado staff came together to discuss as an institutional community the ways in which History Colorado can advance the work of anti-racism. These Grounding Virtues are the result of our collective process.

Please click here:

https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2020/Anti-Racism_Grounding_Virtues.pdf.

Answer this question: How have these guiding principles shown up in your previous work and /or how would you contribute to these virtues in your fellowship position at History Colorado?

****All fellows and interns must successfully complete a background check.**