2022 Summer Internship Projects

Conservation Education Internship, NC Aquariums: The intern will learn the fundamentals of conservation education, how zoos and aquariums inspire and lead conservation efforts, and how to share conservation stories in an informal learning environment.

Location- Kure Beach, New Hanover County

Animal Ambassador Internship, NC Aquariums: The intern will use public programming within the Aquarium to achieve the mission. Programming focuses on the Outer Banks of North Carolina and includes animal encounters, animal enrichment and feeding programs, theater programs, creature features, interactive touch pools, dive presentations and occasional outdoor nature programs. In every program, the Aquarium education team aims to incorporate conservation messaging that asks our visitors to take part in preserving and conserving North Carolina’s aquatic habitats. The intern will have a vital role in educating the public about our aquatic habitats and how the public can actively help in their protection. As part of the Husbandry team, the intern will be immersed in animal welfare in the forms of habitat maintenance, record keeping, animal enrichment, diet preparation, handling training, and keeper talks. Throughout the internship, interns will learn animal handling skills, public speaking techniques, program development and implementation skills, customer service skills, content management system software and technology skills, and engage with a variety of visitors of differing ages, backgrounds, and interest levels.

Location- Manteo, Dare County

Growing the America250NC Online Presence: Exhibit Development, Archives and History: The intern will research and develop materials for an online exhibit to highlight the themes of the America250 NC commemoration. Responsibilities will include selection of images and drafting content for labels, captions, and other associated materials. Additional work will form the basis of a related traveling exhibit. This project will focus on African Americans and the Revolutionary War, including the service of free people of color as Revolutionary War soldiers, the complexities of the meaning of the Declaration of Independence and freedom to enslaved populations, freedom seekers, and exploration of the struggle to attain “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness” through the last 250 years.

Preferred majors- Graduate level Education, History, Public History, Library/Archives
Location- Raleigh-Wake County
Community Records Liaison, Archives and Records: The internship will provide an opportunity for the State Archives and the Government Records Sections to adapt workshop materials and curriculum, currently used to train and aid state agencies and local governments agencies, to better service a broader audience throughout rural North Carolina. For broader accessibility, our resources are provided in digital and virtual formats which connects us to counties and municipalities all over the state but not all regions find digital media accessible or easy to use- this intern would redevelop existing curriculum and online tutorials into a tangible toolkit that can be supplied to counties and municipalities in rural North Carolina to help reach our underserved populations. In addition to those local governments, we would like this project to also branch out to community organizations that would also be interested in adopting these records management techniques to ensure that their records endure.

Preferred majors- History, Public History, Communications, Public Administration, Education, Marketing, Law/Pre-Law, Library/Information Science
Location- Raleigh, Wake County

Oral History Intern, Archives and Records: The intern will assist the Oral Historian in the collection, arrangement, description, and promotion of Oral History holdings throughout the state.

Preferred majors- Bachelor’s degree in history, public history, communications or similar, minimum. Working toward a master’s degree in public history, library science, or similar, preferred.
Location- Raleigh-Wake County

Processing Records on Migrant Labor 1940-1965, Archives and Records: Increase access and discovery for government records pertaining to migrant workers in North Carolina, a group historically underrepresented in our holdings, through processing, description, and outreach conducted on relevant State Agency records.

Preferred majors- Library Science, History, Public History, English, Political Science, Liberal Arts, Women’s Studies, American Studies, African American Studies, Government
Location- Raleigh-Wake County

Historical Research for Digital Publications, Historic Resources: The project seeks to enhance the variety and depth of historical content published on the digital platform, MosaicNC. This platform houses digital documentary editions of historical governors, colonial records, and other topical projects.

Preferred majors- History, Library Science
Location- Raleigh-Wake County (Hybrid)

Historic Interpreter I, Historic Sites: Through this internship, the individual will have the opportunity to learn about the core values of museum interpretation and education. The intern will be working on as a member of a committee to develop new interpretive avenues focusing on Fort Fisher’s African American history, developing educational hands-on activities for summer programming, and historical interpretation.

Preferred majors- History, Public History, Elementary Education, Middle School Education, High School Education
Location- Kure Beach, New Hanover County
**From Naming to Knowing: Uncovering the Capitol’s Enslaved Laborers, Historic Sites:** The purpose of this internship is to contribute to this project through archival research, cataloging and documenting source material, and writing profiles of individuals based on primary source research.

**Preferred majors:** History, Public History, Secondary Education, Political Science, Journalism, American Studies, African American Studies.

**Location:** Raleigh-Wake County

**Assisting with the Conservation of Artifacts from the La Concorde/Queen Anne’s Revenge Shipwreck, NC Historical Resources:** The intern will help progress the conservation of artifacts from one of North Carolina’s most significant archaeological sites: the wreck of Blackbeard’s flagship Queen Anne’s Revenge, formerly the French slave ship La Concorde.

**Preferred majors:** Anthropology, Archaeology, Chemistry, Museum Studies, History

**Location:** Greenville, Pitt

**Helping to Tell the Stories of the Inhabitants of the Hart House, Historic Stagville, through Artifact Analysis, NC Historical Resources:** The intern will catalog and analyze the material culture collection from a recent (2021) archaeological excavation that took place at the Hart House, a nineteenth-century structure located at Historic Stagville (Durham County, NC). Documentary research and on-site travel to Stagville will also be undertaken to assist in developing a broader understanding of the site, its occupants, and how they interacted in both a local and regional sphere. The intern will gain knowledge and first-hand experience of how artifacts are properly curated and how associated digital and paper records are maintained by the Office of State Archaeology.

**Preferred majors:** Archeology, Museum Studies, History

**Location:** Raleigh, Wake County

**Classification Review, DNCR Human Resources:** The intern will analyze specific classifications (Museum Curators, HR Tech II’s, or Historic Site managers) to ensure positions fall within the parameters of the classification.

**Preferred majors:** Business Administration; Human Resources; Research

**Location:** Raleigh-Wake County

**Conservation Stewardship, Land and Water Stewardship:** The intern will monitor land protection agreements and become familiar with land conservation and stewardship. Perform other ad hoc duties and analyze as necessary.

**Preferred majors:** Natural Sciences, Botany, Biology, Conservation/Land Management, Agriculture, Resource Economics

**Location:** – Raleigh, Wake County

**Translation and Transcription of Spanish Materials for Access and Community Engagement, DNCR Marketing and Communications:** The intern will build out fall and winter digital content campaigns that align with internal marketing initiatives.
Preferred majors—Marketing, Communications, Journalism, Digital Marketing
Location—Raleigh-Wake County

Outdoor Recreation Marketing Assistant, DNCR Marketing and Communications: The intern will provide content programming, logistical and administrative support to the DNCR’s marketing team.

Preferred majors—African American Studies, Communications, Journalism, Video Production, Education, English, Marketing, Outdoor Recreation, Administration, Management, Nonprofit Management
Location—Raleigh, Wake County

Video and Photo Production Media Management, DNCR Marketing and Communications: The intern will create video assets to support DNCR initiatives and marketing campaigns. Work with Marketing Department writers, graphic designers, and multimedia specialists to create storyboards, shoot and edit video and produce final assets for publication on YouTube and various social media platforms

Preferred majors—Communication
Location—Raleigh-Wake County

Public Science Event Intern, NC Museum of Natural Sciences: The intern will have two exhibits developed, tested, and recorded in preparation for Museum public science events (Bug Fest, Astronomy Days, Darwin Day, Reptile and Amphibian Day or Triangle SciTech Expo).

Preferred majors—Any science or education
Location—Raleigh-Wake County

NC Green Book Project: Essays on Oasis Spaces in North Carolina, NC African American Heritage Commission: The intern will write three (3) essays based on research obtained on sites and businesses in North Carolina that are listed in The Negro Motorist Green Book, a travel guide and tool of resistance designed to confront the realities of racial discrimination in the United States and beyond.

Preferred majors—History, Africana Studies, English, American Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, and Education
Location—Raleigh-Wake County (Virtual)

Research at the NC Aquariums, NC Aquariums: The intern will gain hands-on experience working on various conservation research projects at the North Carolina Aquariums lab at the NCSU Center for Marine Sciences and Technology in Morehead City, NC. Because we have a variety of ongoing projects, students would have some choices of research projects. Our aim is to offer a wide range of experiences, including field work in coastal habitats, with a diversity of conservation projects.

Preferred majors—Biology/Ecology, Marine Biology, Animal Behavior, Zoology, Environmental Science
Location—Morehead City, NC

Historic Interpretation Team Member, NC Historic Sites: The intern will facilitate professional development and networking opportunities while promoting exposure to and engagement in visitor services to diverse audiences at Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site.

Preferred majors—History or humanities-based field such as: Museum studies, Anthropology, History, Public History, Archaeology, American Indian Studies, Cultural Studies, Historic Preservation, Education, etc.
Location- Mount Gilead, Montgomery County

Research and Interpretation at the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex, NC Museum of History: The intern will research and develop new interpretation for the Museum of the Cape Fear, focusing on people of color living and working in the Fayetteville area during the first part of the twentieth century. The scope of this project will be determined by the interest of the intern. Interpretation developed will be suited for in person and/or virtual visitors.

Preferred majors- History, Education, Sociology, Communication, Media, Public History

Location- Fayetteville, Cumberland

Outreach & Audience Engagement, NC Museum of Art: The Intern will assist in planning events and program structure for teen programs at the museum.

Preferred majors- Studio Art, Art History, Art Education, Hospitality, Museum Studies

Location- Raleigh, Wake County

Studying Human and Animal health with the Genomic & Microbiology Research Lab and Veterinary Sciences, NC Museum of Natural Sciences: The intern will conduct online research about health relevant to the Museum’s Live Animal Collection, zoonotic diseases, and human health. The intern will experience clinical veterinary work and related molecular biology experiments in the Genomics & Microbiology Research Lab.

Preferred majors- Biological, Medical, or Veterinary Sciences, Genetics, Microbiology, Animal Science, Zoology, Ecology

Location- Raleigh, Wake County

Merchants Millpond Natural Resource/Park Operations Intern, NC State Parks: The intern will implement and enhance the Invasive Species program at Merchants Millpond State Park and Salmon Creek State Natural Area.

Preferred majors - Parks and Recreation, Biology, Environmental Science, Education, Outdoor Recreation, Botany, Forestry, Wildlife Management, or closely related field.

Location- Gatesville, Gates County


Preferred majors- Biology, wildlife management, parks and recreation management, environmental studies, natural resource management

Location- New River State Park, Laurel Springs, NC

Animal Behavior and Keeper Internship: Chimpanzees, Lions, and Lemurs, NC Zoo: The intern will be trained in and assist with daily routine care of the animals (chimpanzees, lions, and lemurs), as well as help with public interactions and record keeping. The position will also include training in animal behavior research where the candidate will collect behavioral data on our troop of chimpanzees, addressing behavior and welfare questions.

Preferred majors- biology, animal science, pre- veterinary, psychology, animal behavior, and/or anthropology.

Location: Asheboro, Randolph County
Animal Behavior and Keeper Internship: Gorillas and Baboons, NC Zoo: The intern will be trained in and assist with daily routine care of the animals (gorillas and baboons), as well as help with public interactions and record keeping. The position will also include training in animal behavior research where the candidate will collect behavioral data on our troop of gorillas addressing behavior and welfare questions. 
Preferred majors: biology, animal science, pre-veterinary, psychology, animal behavior, and/or anthropology.
Location: Asheboro, Randolph County

Wild about Nature Summer Programs Specialist, NC Zoo: The intern will research, develop, and implement three developmentally appropriate environmental education programs and three outdoor recreation events that offer a progression of introduction to playful inquiry, citizen science, and exploration and discovery of the local outdoor environment. These programs will be conducted for our Wild about Nature early childhood summer campers as well as our Nature Rocks Diversity and Inclusion summer programs. The intern will also adapt a program so that it can be used as a learning activity for the Playful Pedagogy professional development trainings for formal and non-formal educators. To complete their project, we have designed the Wild about Nature internship to provide participants with practical learning experience and knowledge in nature play and playful learning practices and informal environmental education program development and implementation.
Location: Asheboro, Randolph County

Arts in Education/Artists & Organizations Internship, NC Arts Council: The intern will provide administrative and logistical support, as well as program development for the NC Arts Council’s statewide grant programs, artist professional development and support services, and arts in education initiatives.
Preferred majors: Performing or Visual Arts; Arts Administration; Education; Humanities; Social Location: Flexible

Educational Programs Intern, NC Museum of History: This internship will provide an intern with the opportunity to support Museum Education Section staff with museum programming happening here at the Museum and virtually.
Preferred majors: Education (Early Childhood, Elementary, or Secondary Education Concentrations), History or Public History
Location: Raleigh, Wake County

Exhibit and Education Program Design, NC Museum of Natural Sciences: The intern will engage diverse audiences with new education programs and exhibitions.
Preferred majors: Ecology, Agriculture Science, Extension Education, Communications, History, Sociology, Biology, Environmental Science, Conservation, Natural Resources and Wildlife Management, Parks and Recreation
Location: Whiteville, Columbus
**Education Intern, NC Symphony:** Interns will assist the Education Department in various education and audience development activities, educational concerts, workshops, and publication production, while pursuing an organization-wide understanding of orchestra administration.

*Preferred majors:* Music Education, Music Performance, Music Industry Studies  
*Location:* Raleigh, Wake County

**Marketing & Development Research Assistant, NC Symphony:** The intern will expand marketing efficiencies of the North Carolina Symphony’s in-person and virtual concert series by assisting in research and the development of strategic marketing plans to increase attendance. Development: Expand stewardship of individual, foundation, and corporate donors by assisting in research and the development of strategic fundraising plans to increase donations. Additionally, serve as marketing & development coordinator at Summerfest 2022. Duties include enhancing community outreach by managing on-site marketing promotions and assisting in managing sponsorship relations pre-concert, on-site the day of concert and post-concert.

*Preferred Majors:* Business, Sales & Marketing, Public Relations, Advertising, Communications, Journalism, Music, Liberal Studies  
*Location:* Raleigh, Wake County

**Wildlife Rehabilitation Internship, NC Zoo:** The primary objective is to provide routine daily care for sick, injured, and orphaned native wildlife in a condition that will minimize stress and maintain wild behaviors, in preparation for their release back into the wild.

*Preferred majors:* Pre-Vet, Veterinary Technician, Zookeeper, Animal Sciences, Biology  
*Location:* Asheboro, NC

**Concerts Internship, North Carolina Museum of Art:** The intern will provide support for summer concert season, including research and production work. Possible other music-related projects as well.

*Preferred majors:* Music, Music Business, Entertainment, Event Management, Communications, Media Studies, or related background preferred. Will also accept experience in live music or live events. Rising seniors in undergrad, or any graduate level.  
*Location:* Raleigh, Wake County

**African American Research and Programming, Tryon Palace:** The intern will assist with summer workshops devoted to instructing children on the cultural and historical significance of Jonkonnu in North Carolina. The intern will have the opportunity to work with children and help educate them about Jonkonnu and African American heritage through art, music, and dance. They will assist the participants in learning new songs and will develop simple crafts. The intern will research and explore the Underground Railroad, and the possibility of marking through waysides and freedom seeking activities in New Bern.

*Location:* New Bern, Craven County