

North American Archaeology Internship



INTERNSHIP DETAILS

The North American Archaeology Department of the American Museum of Natural History offers Lab Researcher Internship positions for undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students. The North American Archaeology Lab (NAARCH Lab) handles, stores, and analyzes a wide variety of artifacts from southeastern North America. Lab researchers have had the opportunity to work with faunal remains, lithics, Native American and European ceramics, Spanish colonial material culture, and a large number of other material culture types. Lab work typically consists of washing, cataloging, and organizing recent collections as well as data management. Additional projects have involved fine-grained sorting of excavated materials, non-destructive analysis using

PXRF, and basic level artifact analysis and documentation. In addition to lab work, interns will also be considered to take part in our ongoing fieldwork program in Georgia, USA (offered only for the fall and spring semester programs). Our fieldwork package supports room and board, transportation, and a monetary stipend for three weeks.

Individuals interested in joining the NAARCH Lab Internship should be highly motivated, patient, detail-oriented, and professional. Individuals who have not yet completed their junior year need not apply unless they have extensive experience that offsets their lack of academic training. Prior archaeological experience in either the field or in the lab is not necessary but will be a factor in our selection. The application form can be found here: <http://research.amnh.org/anthropology/about/internship>. Remember to specify your interest in North American Archaeology on the application.

The majority of the lab positions available are unpaid and volunteer-level, however few paid positions may exist depending on departmental funding. You may indicate your interest in a paid position on the application, but please be aware that checking only a paid position may affect your chances if no paid positions exist for that term. Course credit will be offered to those individuals currently enrolled in an accredited school of higher learning. The North American Archaeology Lab offers three internship sessions a year (summer, fall, and spring). The NAARCH Department asks volunteers to commit to two or three days a week, for a period of 10 weeks per semester. The number of interns accepted varies according to research goals and projects outlined per semester.

Internship Application Deadlines

- Summer Session (June to September), submit February 1 - April 1
- Fall Session (September to December), submit June 27 - August 4
- Spring Session (February to May), submit October 1 - December 1

Interested applicants should submit a resume or CV, three references with contact information, a 1-page statement of purpose and the completed application form. The statement of purpose should briefly outline the applicant's prior experience in archaeology as well as their future plans within the discipline. Individuals with questions should feel free to email mnapolitano@amnh.org at the NAARCH Lab.

Applications may be sent to mnapolitano@amnh.org or mailed to:

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