

American Museum of Natural History

North American Archaeology Internship



The North American Archaeology Department of the American Museum of Natural History offers Lab Researcher Internship positions in the North American Archaeology Lab (NAARCH Lab) for undergraduates, recent graduates, and graduate students. The interns will handle, store, and analyze a wide variety of artifacts from southeastern North America. Lab interns have the opportunity to work with faunal remains, lithics, Native American and European ceramics, Spanish colonial artifacts, and numerous other material 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, photogrammetry and 3-D modeling of artifacts, and basic level artifact analysis and documentation. In addition to lab work, interns will also be considered for our ongoing fieldwork program in Georgia, USA (offered only for the fall and spring semester). Our fieldwork package offers room and board, transportation, and a monetary stipend for the duration of the trip, usually 2-3 weeks.

Individuals interested in joining the NAARCH Lab Internship should be highly motivated, patient, detail-oriented, and professional. 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 at: <http://www.amnh.org/our-research/anthropology/policies-links/internship-program>, and is also attached at the bottom of the flyer.

The internships are unpaid volunteer positions. Course credit can 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 interns to commit three days a week, for a period of 10 weeks per semester. The number of interns accepted varies according to the research goals per semester.

Internship Application Deadlines 2025

- Summer Session (June to August), submit January 1 – March 1
- Fall Session (September to December), submit June 1 – July 10
- Spring Session 2026 (January to May): submit October 1 – November 10

Interested applicants must submit a resume or CV, contact information for three references, a one-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 coshaughnessy@amnh.org.

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

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NORTH AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Application Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

As part of the Museum's internship program and to ensure mentors receive appropriate training and guidance, please let us know your age for the duration of the internship:

Academic Status (Expected date of Degree and Major): _____

Currently enrolled in a museum studies program: Yes ☐ No ☐

Interested in academic credit: Yes ☐ No ☐

Name and address (including phone and e-mail) of academic advisor who we may contact for a recommendation: _____

Area of Interest and Relevant Experience: _____

Possible work schedule: _____

Please attach a resume, contact information for three references, and describe, in no more than one page, your educational goals and how you feel an internship at the American Museum of Natural History relates to those goals (use a separate page):

Signature: _____ Date: _____