New Haven Museum Internship Program

Founded in 1862 as the New Haven Colony Historical Society to preserve the history and traditions of the Greater New Haven region, the New Haven Museum (NHM) stimulates inquiry and fosters appreciation of the history and heritage of our locale. The Museum’s collections date to the early years of the New Haven Colony and include more than 10,000 decorative and fine art objects, an extensive photographic archive (75,000 prints, negatives, film), and the holdings of the Whitney Library, which exceed 30,000 volumes and 320 manuscript collections, as well as architectural drawings, maps, broadsides, newspapers, and other items. Exhibitions, lectures, events and publications bring 375 years of New Haven history to more than 10,000 visitors annually.

The Museum is the steward of two historic buildings: its 1930 Colonial Revival-style headquarters at 114 Whitney Avenue, adjacent to the Yale University campus and part of the downtown area, and the historic c. 1780 Pardee-Morris House, located on the East Shore, which is open seasonally.

Each year, the Museum serves nearly 2,000 Pre-K-12 and college students, offering interdisciplinary, inquiry-based history and art programs. NHM also brings programs to offsite locations, including schools, senior centers and libraries. Adult programs in the form of film festivals, lectures and concerts appeal to lifelong learners and invite the local community to discover the Elm City’s history. NHM’s family programs provide multi-generational experiences for families, hands-on learning and art-making possibilities for children.

An internship with the New Haven Museum will last 8-10 weeks and focus on education and public programming. The internship will require 12-15 hours a week depending on the number of programs and needs of the department. This is an un-paid internship. Some weekend and evening hours are required.

Role of Interns:

- Facilitate tours of the exhibits for a range of audiences (school aged to adult)
- Assist the Education Director with on-site and outreach programming
- Develop pre/post-visit materials for school programs
- Create and/or update curriculum materials for school programs
- Research content for social media sites

Required Application Materials:

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Contact information for two faculty references

All questions and application materials can be emailed to education@newhavenmuseum.org with the subject line: Internship Application.