

Public History in Washington DC

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Public History Internship Program in Washington D.C.



What is public history?

Public History is the work that historians do outside of the university to bring history to a wider audience. This can take place in many different settings but includes work at historic sites, museums, archives, libraries, parks, and monuments.

Whenever possible class meetings are held at major cultural institutions in the city. During these site visits, students have frequent opportunities to meet professionals in the field to discuss the work of public historians. Field trips are also scheduled to George Washington's home, Mount Vernon in Alexandria, VA and the Gettysburg Battlefield in PA.

The Program

COURSE CREDIT

The History Department's Public History program in Washington, DC consists of a two-course sequence (6 credits).

During Maymester, students take HIST 4026/6026, Public History in Washington DC, which provides an introduction to public history in the nation's capital.



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THE INTERNSHIP

In June and July, students enroll in HIST 4800/6800 and intern at a major cultural site in the Washington area, getting hands-on experience in public history.

UGA students have interned at the Library of Congress, the National Archives, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the National Postal Museum, the Archives of American Art, the Society of Cincinnati Library, Tudor Place,



Ian Robbins, Education Intern at Ford's Theatre

I find "on this day" historical facts for every day of the year... I love working on this interesting project and have enjoyed other fun aspects of the internship, such as touring the Capitol! – Madison Immel, Intern at U.S. Capitol Historical Society

Woodrow Wilson House, and the Hillwood Estate.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Upon selection for the public history program, students will work with the program director to identify potential internship options that align with the goals of the program.

Students are expected to work at least 30 hours per week during the period of their internships.

Students will also submit a final written project relating to their work.

Applicants should understand that most internships are highly competitive and unpaid.

FUNDING

Student financial aid and scholarships may be used to pay for program costs. Contact the Office of Student Financial

Aid to determine if financial assistance may be used.

Students are also eligible to apply for the **Summer Program in Public History Scholarship** as well as the **Department of History Study Abroad Scholarship**. Other funding opportunities are available through the **Office of Experiential Learning**.

For more information, please visit: <http://history.uga.edu/undergrad-awards>

HOUSING

During the program, students are required to reside in program housing on Capitol Hill.



Public History interns at the Folger House

Dorm-style housing for the program is provided by WISH (Washington Intern Student Housing) at the Folger Apartments, conveniently located near the Madison Building of the Library of Congress.

COSTS

Students pay UGA tuition and fees for the 6-credit summer program. In addition, there is a program fee of about \$3800-\$4000, which covers housing and field trip costs. Fees do **not** include meals and living expenses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Any undergraduate or graduate student can apply regardless of major. History majors in their junior and senior years may find the program especially relevant.

HOW TO APPLY

On-line applications are on the UGA web site GoAbroad.uga.edu. On the website application page, upload your **resume with contact information for at least 2 references, and a 500-word statement indicating why you want to participate in this program**. Applications will be considered as they are received after the **priority deadline of December 10** if spaces remain unfilled.

All participants program must pay a \$150 program deposit to secure their position in the program. *Program deposits are non-refundable unless a student is not accepted to the program or the program is canceled by the university. Please see the [Study Away Program Fee Withdrawal Policy](#) for details.*