

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 an extensive temporal and spatial range. Past Lab Researchers have had the opportunity to work with lithics, Native American ceramics, historic European pottery, 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. In addition to lab work, researchers will also be considered to take part in our ongoing fieldwork program in Georgia, USA. Our fieldwork package supports room and board, transportation, and a stipend for three weeks.

Individuals interested in joining the NAARCH Lab Internship should be highly motivated, patient, and detail-oriented. Individuals who have not yet completed their sophomore year need not apply unless they have extensive experience that off-sets 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.

Lab Researchers are unpaid, volunteer-level positions, however, 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. 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:

- April 1 - for summer session (June to September)
- August 27 - for fall session (September to December)
- December 1 - for spring session (February-May)

Interested applicants should submit a resume or CV, three references with contact information, and a 1-page statement of purpose. 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 rcajigas@amnh.org at the NAARCH Lab. Additionally, applicants may also apply by filing out and submitting the Internship Application from the Anthropology Internship webpage and specifying their interest in North American Archaeology.

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

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