



Niagara Falls National Heritage Area Underground Railroad Interpretive Programming Internship

The Niagara Falls National Heritage Area, in partnership with the Niagara Falls Underground Railroad Heritage Area, offers one Underground Railroad Interpretive Programming Internship per semester for an upper level undergraduate or graduate student. The internship will provide the opportunity for the intern to assist with primary research of the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls, develop interpretive materials, educational content, and design and facilitate programs that address the needs of adult, school, and youth and family audiences. The internship will align with the preparation of the opening of the Underground Railroad Heritage Center in March 2018.

The intern will be required to work independently and collaboratively with team members to conduct primary research on the Underground Railroad in Niagara Falls, and create interpretive and educational materials for the Heritage Center. Interpretive topics may include but are not limited to, the Cataract House, African American Hotel Workers, the African American Community in Niagara Falls, Underground Railroad Incidents, and Connections with Canada.

As part of the internship, work may include any of the following tasks:

- Research and interpret archives and collections, and digitize documents or artifacts.
- Utilizing online databases to access newspapers, archives and genealogical resources.
- Preparing lesson plans that align with the NYS Common Core curriculum.
- Designing educational and interpretive programs that reach a variety of audiences; on site, in communities and digitally.

Qualifications:

- An intern that is professional, dependable and collaborates effectively with NFNHA staff and partners.
- Some knowledge of the Niagara region and history of the Underground Railroad.
- Proficiency in historical research and writing.

Requirements:

- Projects and/or reports will be due upon completion of the internship, other requirements will vary based on the specific project.
- At least 120 hours over the course of the semester, usually about 8 hours per week.
- Students who wish to obtain academic credit for their internship may do so and must make their own arrangements with their college or university.

To apply, please submit a resume or CV and application to ally@discoverniagara.org for consideration. Applications are available for download at, discoverniagara.org/internships.

