

Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI)  
**Graduate Program in Public History**

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**Program Description:** The Department of History at IUPUI has offered Masters-level training in public history since the mid-1980s. More than 100 students have graduated from the program, with four to eight students graduating on an annual basis. Public history at IUPUI admits five to ten students per year depending on the applicant pool and available funding. The program offers an MA in history with a public history tract; joint MA degrees with the School of Library and Information Science and the Center on Philanthropy. Students may earn certificates in Museum Studies and Documentary Editing. The program has a close working relationship with Museum Studies.

**Degrees Offered:**

- M.A. in History
- M.A. in History with a Certificate or Concentration in Public History
- Dual M.A. Degree in History and Library Science
- Dual M.A. Degree in History and Philanthropy Studies

**Financial Aid Available:** Fellowships  
Assistantships  
Stipends  
Tuition Waiver

**Deadline to Apply:**

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 36

**Program Strengths:**

- Archival Practices
- Digital Media
- Editing
- Historic Preservation
- Historical Administration
- Library Science Program
- Oral History
- Philanthropic Studies
- Material History
- Museum Studies

**Internship Requirement:** Required. Internships are arranged by the Director of Public History. Four credit hours count towards the 36 credits needed to graduate.

**Places Where Students Have Interned During the Past Three Years:**

- Conner Prairie Interactive History Park
- Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Medical History Museum
- Indiana Historical Bureau
- Indiana State Archives

**How Many Students are Admitted Annually:**

BA: N/A MA: 5-10 PhD: N/A

- Indiana State House, Capitol Tour Office
- Indiana State Supreme Court
- Indiana State Museum
- Indiana Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology
- Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission
- Michael Feinstein Great American Songbook Initiative
- National Council on Public History
- Ronald McDonald House of Indiana
- Santayana Documentary Edition
- Washington Township Cemetery Project

**Job Placement Assistance Offered:** We have contacts with all of the cultural resource institutions in the metro area and many around the country. We offer intern seminars on applying and interviewing for positions. We network with potential employers, promoting both the students and the program.

**Employers Who Have Hired Graduates from this Program within the Past Five Years:**

- Dayton History
- Indiana Historical Society
- Indiana Historical Bureau
- Indiana State Library
- Indiana State Parks
- Indiana Landmarks
- Indiana Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana
- Weintraut and Associates
- Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center
- Newport Restoration Foundation
- Chicago History Museum
- Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative Adult Programs (Florida)