

Museum Education Internship

A Project of IWASM and America 250-Ohio

The International Women's Air & Space Museum (IWASM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve, and showcase the history and culture of women in all areas of aviation and aerospace; educate people of the world about their contributions; and inspire future generations by bringing the history to life. IWASM is located in the Burke Lakefront Airport in downtown Cleveland, OH.

Internship Summary:

Women's stories are often left out of our school curriculum or are a fleeting mention. However, women's lasting impact on history permeates every facet of our collective history. The America 250-Ohio IWASM intern will be part of the museum's grant-funded project to develop in-classroom resources for teachers about the lasting impact of women in air and space. Working closely with the Executive Director, Collections Manager, and education volunteers, the intern will gain experience in museum/public history research, program development, outreach, marketing, and community engagement. With a focus on Ohio women's roles in air and space history, the intern will be able to bring women's history to life for students in grades 7-12.

This position does not require a background in aviation, with the preferred candidate interested in the humanities. The humanities includes, but are not limited to, the study and interpretation of the following: language, both modern and classical; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism and theory of the arts; those aspects of the social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the study and application of the humanities to the human environment with particular attention to reflecting our diverse heritage, traditions, and history and to the relevance of the humanities to the current conditions of national life. (National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act, 1965, as amended)

Position Responsibilities

Assigned duties may include:

- Analysis of current stories and primary sources available at IWASM for development of an education collection.
- Supporting guided tours and educational programs offered by the museum.
- Assisting with research projects.
- Digitization of primary sources, archives, photographs, and artifacts.
- Facilitating teacher workshops/focus groups.
- Building a resource library for growth of project beyond grant project.

Qualifications

- Be actively enrolled in, or a recent graduate from, an accredited graduate program in the humanities, public history, museum or library studies, OR currently enrolled in or recent graduate from a college or university, with an interest in public history, museum, archival, and/or education.
- Experience with independent research, utilizing primary and secondary sources.
- Exceptional written and oral communication skills.
- Energetic, personable, courteous, and professional when engaging with different communities from different background.
- Be a team player while completing projects in a timely and professional manner despite interruptions.

Internship Duration

This internship is expected to be 10-weeks, with the preferred timeframe beginning June 3 – August 9, 2024. The incumbent would be expected to work 10-15 hours per week. There is a potential for renewal pending funding and availability.

Compensation

The America 250-Ohio IWASM intern position will be provided a total stipend of \$2,000, paid in even disbursements every two weeks. This paid internship opportunity is made possible thanks to funding from a Buckeye Impact grant from the America 250-Ohio Commission (www.america250-ohio.org).

To Apply

Interested individuals must submit a cover letter, resume, and the contact information for three (3) professional and/or academic references to Executive Director, Sara Fisher at sfisher@iwasm.org. Email subject line must read "America 250 Internship Application." Applications must be received by 11:59 pm EDT on Wednesday, April 24, 2024. No phone calls or mailed applications will be accepted.

