

Summer Work Opportunity for UBC History Students!

UBC History Department /Public History Internship Program/ City of Vancouver Archives

Are you a UBC History student? Are you looking for summer employment? Are you hoping to gain skills and experience related to your studies? The Department of History's Public History Internship Programme, in collaboration with the City of Vancouver Archives, invites your application for an exciting paid summer internship as a *research assistant*.

Public History Internship Program

The UBC History department's Public History Internship is part of a five-year program supporting students gaining experiences and skills related to public history. Funded by an anonymous donor, it provides students with opportunities to apply their academic studies outside the university by participating in work that engages public-facing institutions with historical research.

Visual materials at the City of Vancouver Archives

About the position

The Department of History and the City of Vancouver Archives are currently looking to fill the position of summer intern. The intern will be responsible for developing and implementing a community engagement strategy related to visual materials at the CVA. The student would select a number of photographs from the Archives' holdings based on a self-generated area of interest (in consultation with Archives staff) and research the photographs' context of creation and surrounding socio-political content. Depending on the student's research interest and the number of suitable photographs in the holdings, this work could take the form of item-level engagement with a small number of photos and/or consideration of aggregations of photos of shared provenance (for example, all studio portraits of Indigenous people taken by the same early-20th-century commercial photographer). Specifically, the student would:

- prepare a gallery exhibit of reproductions of said photographs
- prepare a written exhibit guide/handout reflecting on their research experience
- expand on this guide for an Archives blog feature (3-4 posts)
- prepare a reflection on archival literacy and primary source research to be shared with their program/cohort
- possibly give a public talk on their work

The intern will work approximately 20 hours/week from May through August. Pay rate is \$20.82/hour to a maximum of \$8000.

Applicant Qualifications

Applicants must be undergraduate students at UBC studying History. Priority will be given to History majors or honours students, but students who have taken multiple History courses without a declared major are also eligible.

Application process

Send a cover letter that explains your interest in the position and your History course work, along with a resumé to Tamara Myers at Tamara.Myers@ubc.ca, and include the names and contact information of at least two references (including one academic reference like a current or former instructor). Please ensure that your name is included in the file name, and ensure that the subject line of your email refers to the PH internship position.

Applications should be received by 25 March 2022.