

Preservation Scholar Projects 2018

Applicants should address application to meet the needs of one or more of the following internships available for Summer 2018. On the application, you will be selecting the Division in which you wish to work in and a project will be selected between the intern and the hiring division prior to internship.

Agency Division/Site: [Archeology](#)

Location: Austin, TX

The Texas Historical Commission's (THC) Archeology Division works to identify, protect, and preserve Texas' irreplaceable archeological heritage. Using a regional approach, archeologists and staff participate in a variety of activities to support this mission. The division is made up of these programs and projects:

- [State Archeology Program](#)
- [Marine Archeology Program](#)
- [State and Federal Review](#)
- [Historical Designations](#)
- [The Texas Historic Sites Atlas](#)
- [Staff Archeologists](#)

Internship Projects available:

- **The Boca Chica Shipwrecks and Beyond! Archeology of the South Texas Coastal Zone:** This project focuses on coastal archeology of the Rio Grande Valley and will include examination of archeological material culture from coastal archeological sites including the historic port of Brazos Santiago and area shipwrecks. This project will culminate in the production of a summary report and assessment for future research and preservation concerns.
- **Fort St. Louis/Presidio La Bahia Artifact Analysis and Curation:** The internship involves working closely with the collections manager and staff archeologists to inventory, curate and assist in the analysis of artifacts recovered from excavations of the 1680s site of the French explorer La Salle's settlement, Fort St. Louis, and the later 1720s Spanish Colonial presidio La Bahia. Work will be conducted primarily in a lab environment and expose the intern to a wide variety of archaeological techniques for documentation, analysis, and curation of records and collections.
- **La Belle Artifact Curation:** The internship involves working closely with the collections manager and State Marine Archeologist to process and prepare for final curation artifacts recovered from the excavation of the 1686 wreck site of the French explorer La Salle's ship, La Belle. Work will be conducted primarily in a lab environment and expose the intern to a wide variety of archaeological techniques for documentation, analysis, conservation, and curation of records and collections.
- **Lake Gilmer Project Archeological Curation:** The internship involves working closely with the collections manager to process and prepare for final curation the artifacts and records generated from the survey, testing and data recovery excavations of several Late Woodland and Caddo period archaeological sites. Work will be conducted primarily in a lab environment and expose the intern to a wide variety of archaeological techniques for documentation, analysis, and curation of records and collections.
- **San Felipe de Austin Archeological Research Internship:** The internship involves working closely with Archeology Division staff and the collections manager to process, analyze, and curate archeological artifacts and records generated from excavation at the THC's historic site of San

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Felipe de Austin, the location of Stephen F. Austin's 1823 colony on the Brazos River. Work will be conducted primarily in a lab environment and expose the intern to a wide variety of archaeological techniques for documentation, analysis, and curation of records and collections.

- **Texas Archeological Sites Atlas Internship:** The GIS intern will assist Archeology staff in the creation and submission of GIS data to the archeological Atlas database for Texas. The Atlas is a critical resource for researchers and federal, state, and private cultural resource management professionals in Texas, and the internship will provide an opportunity to contribute to this essential database, while becoming familiar with the types and potentials of archeological data and their application in a variety of regulatory and research contexts.

Agency Division/Site: [Architecture](#)

Location: Austin, TX

This division works to preserve and protect Texas' diverse architectural heritage. Staff members provide design and rehabilitation advice to assist with preserving properties that span the state's rich history, from majestic historic county courthouses and commercial buildings to Spanish missions and simple log cabins.

- [Courthouses](#)
- [Federal Tax Credits](#)
- [State and Federal Review](#)
- [Historic Designations](#)
- Cultural Resource Management
- [Disaster Relief](#)
- [Historic Homes and Properties](#)

Internship Projects available:

- **Buildings and Grounds Documentation Project:** The project involves curation and organization of architectural drawings, reports, contracts and files associated with THC's historic buildings in Austin. These five buildings range in age from 1859 to 1948 and have been remodeled and upgraded over the past 50 years. The documentation associated with these projects requires reorganization. The goals of this project are, primarily, to create an organized, streamlined file that is easily searchable, as well as to conduct research for additional images, both recent and historic, of each building, and to scan and digitize the entire file.
- **Courthouse Activities Packet Development:** The intern will work to develop a collection of activities designed to interest and inform young people about historic courthouse preservation. These may include informational materials as well as hands-on or creative activities designed for various age groups. The intern will perform research and work with agency staff to develop activity ideas.
- **Preservation of Agency Buildings Project:** The Carrington Covert House, constructed in 1859, serves as the Texas Historical Commission's Administrative offices. It has 29 identical windows and shutters that require various levels of repair. Conditions include rotted sills, failing glazing putty, abandoned shutter hinge, mortises, sagging shutters, air and water infiltration, failing paint and ferric stains created by the shutter hinges. This project shall create a well detailed drawing of a typical shutter and window which will serve as a template to precisely document and record the condition of each window. If time allows, the information shall be incorporated into a project specification for competitive bidding to solicit bids for the repairs.

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- **Technical Resource Library Project:** The intern will work to compile existing technical resources for inclusion on the agency's Buildings and Property webpage which is a resource for historic property owners and preservationists. The research and resources collected will serve as a digital resource library with a focus on technical information and guidance.

Agency Division/Site: [Community Heritage Development](#)

Location: Austin, TX

This division works in partnership with communities and regions to revitalize historic areas, stimulate tourism, and encourage economic development through the use of preservation strategies.

- [The Texas Main Street Program](#)
- [Heritage Tourism](#)
- [Texas Heritage Trails Program](#)
- [Certified Local Government Program](#)
- Education and Outreach
- [Economic Impact Study](#)

Internship Projects available:

- **Emancipation Ave Revitalization Project:** Emancipation Avenue served as the commercial hub for the African-American community in Houston's Third Ward, and now gentrification of the neighborhood is of urgent concern. Project Rowhouses is working to manage potential effects by initiating an affiliation with the Texas Main Street Program. The objective of this internship is to provide support to Emancipation Ave for imagining cultural history preservation through infill projects. The intern will potentially work directly with Project Rowhouses, property owners, and neighborhood citizens preparing maps, plans, and renderings for infill projects.
- **Historic Lodging Analysis:** Identify properties statewide that provide lodging in historic buildings. Research and analyze their characteristics and economic impacts including tax receipts and property values. Design methods for presenting the resulting data and analysis that is useful to historic preservation and heritage tourism development or promotion.
- **Preservation Plan Research and Best Practices:** The intern would work with Certified Local Government (CLG) Program staff to identify which of the current 74 CLG communities are operating under a preservation plan and what year it was adopted. Additionally, the intern would study at least three recent preservation plans prepared by various consulting firms and develop a handout or resource for CLGs on best practices when developing a local preservation plan.
- **Sharing Certified Local Government Success Stories Project:** The intern would work with CLG Program staff to identify and communicate specific successes that our CLGs have had in the past five or so years. This information would ideally be consolidated into 3-5 one- or two- page handouts with photos and a description of the CLG's achievement. Successes may be tied to CLG grant funded projects, the process to become a CLG, or improvements local governments have made to better protect local historic resources.
- **TxDOT Downtown Design Manual:** TxDOT and the Texas Historical Commission are working to create a guidebook for roadways in historic Texas downtowns. The objective of the internship is to provide graphic support for a manual that would guide project designers and reviewers in determining appropriate context sensitive walkable solutions for state highways in urban centers.

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Agency Division/Site: **History Programs**

Location: Austin, TX

This division works with citizens, county historical commissions, museums, cemetery associations, local governments, state and federal agencies, and other interested parties to identify, evaluate, and interpret the historic and cultural resources of Texas. The Division includes these projects and programs:

- [State Historical Marker Program](#)
- [National Register of Historic Places](#)
- [Historic Cemetery Preservation](#)
- [County Historical Commission Outreach](#)
- [Museum Services](#)
- Public Project and Tax Credit Reviews
- [Military History Program](#)
- [Historic Resources Survey](#)
- [Historic Texas Highways](#)

Internship Projects available:

- **Texas and the First World War Database Project:** November 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of the armistice that silenced the guns of World War I. To honor the nearly 200,000 Texans who served in that conflict, the Texas Historical Commission is compiling information on Texas sites associated with the war, including war monuments and memorials. The Military Sites Program intern will assist with this database project by performing light research and data entry, developing web content, and interacting with other centennial partners.
- **Undertold Marker Researcher and Writer:** Intern will research and write Undertold historical marker topics that were selected in 2017 and 2018. Intern will prepare a cited historical narrative and will write the corresponding marker inscription utilizing local and online resources.

Agency Division: **Historic Sites**

This division is responsible for overseeing the agency's 22 historic attractions located throughout the state. Staff members welcome visitors, provide educational opportunities and exhibits, preserve historic structures and artifacts, and work with partner organizations in their communities. The attractions range from Native American ceremonial mounds to grand Victorian mansions to expansive frontier forts.

Each historic site has its own website with information on the history, special events, and details for heritage travelers.

State Historic Site: **Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site**

Location: Bonham, TX

Internship Projects available:

- **Collections Internship:** Interns may work on one or more of the following projects: packing and storing artifacts; cataloging and researching the museum collection; taking digital photographs of artifacts; re-housing and cleaning artifacts; data entry of collections records; and organizing site resources.

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- **Interpretation Internship:** Interns may work on one or more of the following projects: develop themed tours of historic house; develop engaging programming and events for the Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site; develop off-site programming and outreach for schools and other community organizations; and develop multi-sensory tours and/or accessible tours for groups with various abilities.
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State Historic Site: [San Felipe de Austin State Historic Site](#)

Location: San Felipe, TX

Internship Projects available:

- **Field Trip Program Development Project:** San Felipe de Austin SHS will launch its programming to support field trips in the 2018-19 school year. This project will involve participation in the creation of program descriptions and online promotional materials aimed at public schools. It will involve the development and assessment of pre- and post-field trip activities that will be recommended to schools planning trips to the site.