The Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Internship Program

What is the House Archives Internship Program?

The House Archives captures the legislative and social history of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by collecting, preserving, and providing access to permanently valuable materials created by the House. The collection includes Committee Records, Papers of Former Members, Photographs, Campaign Materials, and Oral Histories.

The internship is a structured educational experience designed to provide hands-on, real world experience that complements students’ academic work. Interns work alongside professional archivists and research staff on both ongoing programs and special projects. The internship provides a great opportunity for students interested in public history to gain valuable training and experience which can be applied later in their professional careers.

More Information:

Visit our website to view the application and to see applicable deadlines:
http://www.house.state.pa.us/BMC/archives/internship.cfm

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Interns meeting their Representatives Jeffery Pyle and Keith Greiner.

Interns have the opportunity to see the House Floor from the Speaker’s Rostrum.
Types of Work and Experiences

- Arranging, describing, preserving, and making records available for research
- Researching for biographical and oral history projects
- Working on research requests from the public
- Writing features for our blog, newsletter, and other publications
- Assisting with various special programs and assignments
- Discussing weekly readings on the archival profession and current events in the field
- Completing a final presentation to demonstrate skills and experiences gained during internship
- Participating in tours of local archives, museums, and historic sites

General Information:

- 13-week paid internship
- Full-time summer internship opportunities
- Full- or part-time internship opportunities for Fall and Spring Semesters

Qualifications:

- Be a second semester junior, a senior, or a graduate student
- Attend a College or University in Pennsylvania or be a resident of Pennsylvania
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Must complete an application and submit a resume, official college transcripts, a writing sample, and two letters of recommendation

Interns touring the House Floor (top left), meeting State Representative Patty Kim (top right), meeting with Capitol Preservation to tour their collection of Civil War battle flags (bottom left), and working with one of our collections (bottom right).