WHAT PLACES MIGHT ACCEPT AN INTERN?

In recent semesters, CSUF History students have undertaken internships throughout Southern California, across the country, and in Europe. Host sites and institutions have included the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust, the Autry National Center of the American West (Los Angeles), Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site (St. Louis), the Royal Air Force Museum (London), the National Archives and Records Administration (Laguna Niguel), the Ocean Institute (Dana Point), the Nixon Presidential Library and Museum (Yorba Linda), the San Diego Historical Society, the Old Courthouse Museum (Santa Ana), and CSUF’s own Center for Oral and Public History, Heritage House, and Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum.

The following list is not comprehensive; it’s a starting point. Most of the sites and institutions below are located in Orange County, but if you are able to cast your net wider, the History Department encourages you to seek out opportunities anywhere that might interest you.

• Brea Historical Society, Brea Museum and Heritage Center
  Internship opportunities related to the operation and maintenance of Brea’s history museum.
  Website: http://www.breamuseum.org/
  Contact: 714-256-2283 / breamuseum@sbcglobal.net

• Center for Oral and Public History, CSUF
  Interns will conduct research related to the operations of Marine Corps Air Station El Toro and conduct oral histories with men and women whose lives were shaped by service at the base as Marines or civilians. Students with training in oral history (or willingness to learn) preferred.
  Website: http://coph.fullerton.edu
  Contact: Dr. Natalie Fousekis / 657-278-2763 / nfousekis@fullerton.edu

• Center for Oral and Public History, CSUF
  Interns will be introduced to standard practices in archival management, with a focus on the management of oral history collections.
  Website: http://coph.fullerton.edu
  Contact: Stephanie George / 657-278-3693 / sgeorge@fullerton.edu

• Fullerton Arboretum – Heritage House/Orange County Agricultural and Nikkei Heritage Museum
  Interns will assist in all aspects of the operation of the Heritage House (originally the Victorian-era home of Dr. George C. Clark, an Orange County pioneer physician). The Museum features changing exhibitions.
  Website: http://fullertonarboretum.org
  Contact: Harriet Bouldin /hbouldin@fullerton.edu

• Garden Grove Historical Society, Stanley Ranch Museum Historical Village
  Internship opportunities related to operations of a historical village.
  Website: http://www.ci.garden-grove.ca.us/?q=/HistoricalSociety
  Contact: 714-530-8871

• George Key Ranch Historical Park (Placentia)
  Internship opportunities available in all aspects of the site’s operations, including management of the site’s permanent collections, development of rooms/displays, preparation of interpretive signs and brochures, preservation of dry-farming equipment.
  Website: http://www.ocparks.com/keyranch
  Contact: 714-973-3191 / keyranch@ocparks.com

• Heritage Museum of Orange County (Santa Ana)
Internship opportunities available in all aspects of the museum’s operations.
Website:  http://www.heritagemuseumoc.org
Contact:  Pat Bedson / 714-540-0404, ext. 226 / pbedson@heritagemuseumoc.org

• Huntington Beach Historical Society, Newland House Museum
  Internship opportunities related to maintenance and operation of the Newland House Museum.
  Website:  http://hbnews.us/nwhouse.html
  Contact:  714-962-5777

• International Surfing Museum (Huntington Beach)
  Internship opportunities in multiple aspects of the museum’s operations, including exhibit construction.
  Website:  http://www.surfingmuseum.org
  Contact:  714-960-3483

• Irvine Historical Society, Irvine Historical Museum
  Internship opportunities in multiple aspects of the museum’s operations, including docent work and collections care.
  Website:  http://www.irvineranchhistory.com
  Contact:  Gail Daniels / 949-786-4112 / gail@irvineranchhistory.com

• La Habra Historical Museum
  Interns will assist with all aspects of this new museum’s operations, including research, curation, design, installation, and maintenance of temporary and permanent exhibitions, education, marketing, fundraising, and public programming.
  Website:  http://www.lahabrahistoricalmuseum.blogspot.com
  Contact:  Carlota Haider / cracbrea@roadrunner.com

• Mission San Juan Capistrano
  Internship opportunities available in all aspects of the site’s operations, including collections management and docent work.
  Website:  http://www.missionsjc.com
  Contact:  Pat March / 949-234-1322 / pmarch@missionsjc.com

• Mission Viejo Heritage Committee
  Internship opportunities related to operations of the Heritage House and the historical research room at the Mission Viejo Library.
  Website:  http://cityofmissionviejo.org/DepartmentPage.aspx?id=2456
  Contact:  949-470-3061

• Modjeska Historic Home and Garden (Lake Forest)
  Internship opportunities related to operations of the Modjeska Home.
  Website:  http://www.ocparks.com/modjeskahouse
  Contact:  949-923-2230 / ardenmodjeska@ocparks.com

• Newport Harbor Nautical Museum (Newport Beach)
  Internship opportunities related to the preservation and interpretation of maritime heritage and culture.
  Website:  http://www.nhnm.org
Contact: vols@nhnm.org

• Nixon Presidential Library and Museum (Yorba Linda)
  Interns will contribute directly to the life of the Library by helping with conceptualizing and installing exhibits, tracking inventory of museum artifacts, and helping to preserve the Library’s collection of priceless Nixon papers.
  Website: http://www.nixonlibrary.gov/aboutus/joinus/internships.php
  Contact: Ira Pemstein / ira.pemstein@nara.gov

• Old Courthouse Museum (Santa Ana)
  Interns will assist with all aspects of the museum’s operations, including maintenance of the museums permanent exhibitions, installation and maintenance of temporary exhibitions, public and educational programming, and preparation for future exhibitions.
  Website: http://www.ocparks.com/oldcourthouse
  Contact: Carey Baughman / 714-973-6610 / Carey.Baughman@ocpw.ocgov.com

• Olinda Oil Museum and Trail (Brea)
  Working closely with rangers from California State Parks and staff from the City of Brea, interns would work as docents, conduct research for exhibitions, and staff the museum.
  Website: http://www.ci.brea.ca.us/article.cfm?id=940
  Contact: Sean Matlock / 714-671-4447 / seanm@cityofbrea.net

• Orange County Mexican American Historical Society
  Internship opportunities related to collecting and cataloging historic photos, conducting and transcribing oral histories, website maintenance.
  Website: http://www.ocmahs.org
  Contact: Harvey Reyes / 714-697-4544 / reyesdeoc@aol.com

• Placentia Historical Committee
  Interns would assist the Historical Committee in its activities, including exhibition, oral history, and photo digitization projects.
  Contact: Jeanette Gardner / jgaardner@aol.com

• Ramon Peralta Adobe Historic Site (Anaheim)
  Internship opportunities related to the maintenance of a historic house museum.
  Website: http://www.ocparks.com/peraltaadobe
  Contact: 714-973-3190

• Ranchos Los Cerritos Foundation (Long Beach)
  Internship opportunities related to museum work, including collections management, research, digitization, and public programming. Other opportunities related to educational and public programming.
  Website: http://www.rancholoscerritos.org
  Contact: 562-570-1755

• Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society
  Internship opportunities related to society functions, including management of the Howe-Waffle House
  Website: http://www.santaanahistory.com
• Santa Ana History Room, Santa Ana Public Library
  Interns would assist in all aspects of the History Room’s operations, including archival management and research assistance.
  Website:  http://www.ci.santa-ana.ca.us/library/history/sahrmmission.asp
  Contact:  714-547-9645

• South Central Coastal Information Center, CSUF campus
  For graduate students interested in careers in public history (historic preservation) or public archaeology (cultural resource management). Interns will conduct record searches for clients, create maps that depict the client’s project area and any relevant surveys or reports, search reports, surveys or records to provide clients with data about the area, generate bibliographies from our bibliographic database, examine historic maps for evidence of human activity and the historic natural environment, record archaeological site locations and studies by quadrangle onto USGS topographic maps, and process incoming reports in preparation for adding them to our database.
  Website:  http://anthro.fullerton.edu/sccic
  Contact:  Stacy St. James / 657-278-5395 / sccic@fullerton.edu

• Surfing Heritage Foundation (San Clemente)
  Interns will assist with all aspects of the Foundation’s oral history program, including transcribing and digitizing a backlog of oral histories, conducting research, creating new oral histories, and preparing an oral history workshop for members of the community. No background in oral history necessary, but a willingness to learn is expected.
  Website:  http://www.surfingheritage.org
  Contact:  Jed Justeson / 949-388-0313 / jed@surfingheritage.org

• Susanna Bixby Bryant Ranch House and Museum (Yorba Linda)
  Interns would assist the Yorba Linda Historical Society in its efforts to manage archival collections related to this site (documents, photographs, and ephemera).
  Website:  http://www.ylpl.lib.ca.us/sbb.php
  Contact:  714-694-0235

• Tustin Area Historical Society
  Internship opportunities related to operations of the Tustin Area Museum.
  Website:  http://www.tustinhistory.com
  Contact:  Bill Finken / 714-731-5701 / tustinmuseum@att.net