Anne Arundel County's Preservation Stewardship Program

Internship for College Credit –

Archaeology Field & Laboratory Methods

Introduction:

<u>Anne Arundel County Division of Cultural Resources</u> in conjunction with <u>The Lost Towns Project</u> is offering two (2) unpaid internship positions in Archaeology Field & Laboratory methods. Undergraduate and Graduate students are invited to apply, and **must pursue academic credit** through their institution.

Goals and Objectives:

By the end of the internship, the intern should be able to:

- 1. Perform archaeological field and laboratory skills, including how to locate, record, investigate and analyze archaeological sites and artifacts in the Middle Atlantic region
- 2. Explain how archaeological investigations enhance our understanding of history and humanity. Discuss archaeology's social relevance and its ability to speak for under-represented populations
- 3. Analyze material culture to interpret past lifeways of local populations
- 4. Demonstrate the importance of ethics in archaeological work, including the professional obligations to disseminate information to both scientific communities and the public
- 5. Apply curation standards to prepare archaeological collections for long-term storage

Specific Internship Description:

Interns will learn the basics of archaeological field and labwork by participating alongside professional archaeologists and volunteers in excavation, recording, and artifact processing in the field and lab. The intern will be required to:

- Participate in artifact processing (washing, labeling, cataloging, etc.) at the Anne Arundel County Archaeology Laboratory in Edgewater, MD (approximately 70% of time)
- Participate in Phase I and Phase II excavations at one or more archaeological sites across Anne Arundel County (approximately 30% of time)
- Work with other interns and volunteers as needed
- Contribute to blog and social media posts
- Write a final report on their activities

Qualifications:

- Students must pursue academic credit through their institution to qualify for this internship.
- Applicants should have some familiarity with archaeology and/or local history, either through coursework or extracurricular activities.

- Students who are pursuing a major or minor in Anthropology or Archaeology are preferred.
- Basic computer skills are required, especially Microsoft Office and Google Drive.
- Fieldwork requires physical labor outdoors in a range of weather conditions.
- Field and laboratory work require organization skills, record keeping, and attention to detail.
- Interns should be self-motivated and able to work both independently and in small teams with intermittent supervision.
- Students will need independent transportation. Unfortunately, the lab and field sites are not accessible via public transportation.

Duration:

Interns will be expected to work three days a week for eight weeks (24 total days). Lab days are generally 6 hours long; field days are generally 7 hours. A schedule will be coordinated between the student and internship coordinator/site supervisor. The internship will start in late May or early June, 2022, and must be completed by August 31, 2022.

Compensation:

This is an unpaid internship. Students <u>must</u> pursue academic credit through their institution to qualify for this internship.

For More Information or To Apply:

Questions and applications can be sent to Internship Coordinator Andrew Webster at pzwebs00@aacounty.org. To apply, email a cover letter and a resume or CV to pzwebs00@aacounty.org. Please specify which internship position you are applying for in your cover letter. You may apply for more than one position. **Applications are due April 1, 2022**. Candidates will be chosen and notified by April 15.





