Internship in Curatorial Research
Summer 2017
Philadelphia, PA

This is a BMC only opportunity in partnership with the American Philosophical Society. The selected student will participate in the LILAC Summer Funding Program.

Please apply through LILAC Summer Funding Form

About the American Philosophical Society:

An eminent scholarly organization of international reputation, the American Philosophical Society promotes useful knowledge in the sciences and humanities through excellence in scholarly research, professional meetings, publications, library resources, and community outreach. This country's first learned society, the APS has played an important role in American cultural and intellectual life for over 250 years. For more information, visit: https://www.amphilsoc.org/

Internship Overview:

Curatorial interns work alongside curators in the American Philosophical Society (APS) Museum. Interns will assist curators in researching and planning the Museum’s upcoming exhibition, Franklin to the Moon: The 275th Anniversary of the American Philosophical Society (working title), to open in April 2018. Interns will join a small, versatile staff and will have the opportunity to see all aspects of museum work in action. Research sources include the archival and book collections of the APS Library, the APS Museum object collections, and outside scholarly sources. Interns will have the opportunity to assist curatorial staff on the preliminary stages of the exhibition—exploring a wide range of the Society’s archival collections, conducting research on the wider context of the Society and its members, and choosing papers and objects for exhibition. Interns will gain skills in archival research, collections research, exhibition development, and exhibition management, and will also have opportunities to observe conservation, education, outreach and collections management work at the Museum. The APS Museum seeks an intern whose interests include American history, history of science, art history, cultural history, material culture, and/or museum studies.

Responsibilities:

Examples of duties include the following activities:

- Assist with scholarly historical research for use in Museum exhibitions, public programs, and publications using Museum, Library and outside sources
- Identify potential collections and/or objects for exhibition
- Determine the provenance of archival or object collections
- Photograph, describe, and document artifacts
- Create and maintain databases of the exhibition checklist
- Review concept documents for exhibition development

Qualifications:

LILAC Summer Funding is available to First Years, Sophomores, and Juniors.
Application Instructions:

Please apply through the LILAC Summer Funding Form by Monday, March 27th

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