

nfm INTERNSHIPS

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history students at the university of michigan are determined, creative, innovative, and analytical in and beyond the classroom. yet more and more employers expect college graduates to enter the job market equipped with an academic degree and with work experience. as a result, students are increasingly expected to supplement their education with internships, most of which are unpaid. since it is problematic to make uncompensated labor a prerequisite for certain careers, and since many students face challenges navigating the internship market, the history department offers merit based financial support to majors who accept an unpaid internship of ANY kind. NFM INTERNSHIPS is an initiative determined to help history majors succeed in the professional world and at the same time to draw attention to the expectations and disparities produced by the 'educational value' of free work.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

deadline for submission april 1, 2016 (notifications by mid april)

we invite history majors who have applied, or who are in the process of applying, for an unpaid internship to submit an application for financial support. we are offering several fellowship awards ranging between \$1,000 and \$2,000, depending on the duration and location of the internship.

students should submit their application to the undergraduate committee by **april 1, 2016**. all applications will be considered based on academic merit and originality.

send application (as combined pdf) to akberg@umich.edu

- ▶ letter of acceptance from unpaid internship program (include notice of acceptance if available)
- ▶ unofficial transcript
- ▶ personal statement (500 words) outlining your motivation for applying to NFM INTERNSHIPS, how your particular skill set and professional interests apply to and might expand thanks to this particular internship, and your plans for a future career. internships do not need to be in a specifically historical profession, but applicants should make an argument about how the skills acquired through the history major can be applied to the particular field.
- ▶ one letter of recommendation by a history faculty member (emailed separately to akberg@umich.edu)

please note: fellows are required to submit four short analytical reflections on their experiences and at least one photograph for publication on the history department website. in these reflections students are to make explicit how skills and experiences from the classroom translate into the work environment and share details about challenges and opportunities encountered during the internship with the history community. we reserve the right to withhold the stipend if the fellow does not fulfill his or her responsibilities in this respect.

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has in part been inspired by madeleine schwartz's article "opportunity costs: the true price of internships" *dissent: a quarterly of politics and culture* (winter 2013). <http://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/opportunity-costs-the-true-price-of-internships>