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## **Internship Description**

Memorial Hall Museum, the oldest museum in Western Mass, collects, preserves, and interprets the arts, history, and culture of the Pocumtuck Valley (the northern Pioneer Valley). The museum is a part of Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association in Deerfield, MA. PVMA is a non-profit organization which also oversees the Old Indian House Memorial, the Deerfield Teachers' Center, and the Old Deerfield Craft Fairs.

The diverse collection at Memorial Hall Museum features over 25,000 objects that date from the pre-colonial era to the present. The museum preserves and interprets the collection throughout 19 galleries in the original home of Deerfield Academy. In addition to permanent exhibits, a series of rotating exhibits and events are presented each year.

**INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION:** As a part of a small staff, interns have many opportunities for gaining hands-on experience and learning from a supportive team in a museum setting.

- Work directly with the museum's collection by accessioning and cataloging new acquisitions while learning techniques for conservation and preservation. In the process, become familiar with the museum's PastPerfect collections database. Get experience handling and caring for historic objects and works of art.
- Become a part of the exhibit design team and be creatively involved in the exhibit creation process from conceptual development through installation. Learn the process for creating an exhibit and assist in the research, interpretation, and display of historic objects and fine art.

A good internship provides new opportunities for an intern while building on their existing skills. Interns are encouraged to share their professional interests so that internships can best meet their needs.

PAY TYPE: Stipend Available

**OPPORTUNITY TYPE:** Internship

JOB STATUS: Part time – flexible schedule available, 8-12 hours per week.

**MORE INFO & TO APPLY:** Please send a resume and cover letter to Ray Radigan at rradigan@deerfieldmuseum.org