

North Star Underground Railroad Museum Internship (FALL 2024)

“The Museum reveals the hidden history of the Champlain Line of the Underground Railroad... Poignant exhibits portray compelling stories of fugitives from slavery who passed through Northeastern New York and the Champlain Valley on their way to Québec and Ontario, Canada.”

Applications Open Now until August 15, 2024

FINAL Due Date for Internship Proposals → August 30th, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Internship Descriptions [Multiple internships]

1131 Mace Chasm Road, Ausable Chasm, NY 12911 [Funding available for travel cost reimbursement]

Multiple internship opportunities available. Minimum 3hr/week on site. Scheduling is flexible.

Media and Community Outreach:

Use your communication and social media skills to develop an outreach campaign for this important local museum and tourist destination that highlights our area as a path on the Underground Railroad, the term used to describe the network that helped enslaved people escape to freedom in Canada.

The North Star Underground Railroad Museum is an incredible resource for anyone, worldwide, who is interested in the history of abolition. Interns design and enhance media/social media content about the museum and expand interest and access worldwide.

Traveling Trunk Shows:

Develop educational materials for K-12 students about the Underground Railroad in the North Country. Design innovative and interactive shows that inform, engage and excite students about this underrepresented aspect of local history. Interns may also deliver these materials in schools.

Archival and Historical Project:

Work with staff to digitize the archival collection. Research historical details of local anti-slavery activists as requested by museum staff. Learn about the museum collections and ongoing research projects; assist where needed. Catalog archival materials in PastPerfect (user guide available).

Design an Exhibit for Isaac Johnson's Story:

Research and create a digital exhibit that tells the story of Isaac Johnson, an escaped slave from Kentucky. The story should include his contributions to this area, as Johnson built a church, town hall and bridges in the North Country.

Minimum Requirements:

- Minimum sophomore standing or POI.
- An interest in the social sciences (e.g. anthropology, sociology, psychology, GWS, political science, etc.), historical research, tourism, education, and community outreach.
- Initiative and the ability to collaborate with diverse groups of people.
- Enthusiasm and willingness to learn about museums, local history, human dynamics and culture.

These internships are sponsored by the Department of Anthropology but are open to all students who meet the above criteria. The internships are focused on the human dimensions of the experience, in other words, it is ethnographically grounded. Interns are encouraged to enroll, concurrently, in the **Internship Seminar (ANT487A, 3 cr., FRI 12:00-2:45 110 Redcay)** in which the anthropological/social science aspects of the internships will be clarified through group discussion.

Required Application materials:

-- A brief statement of your particular interests and how the internship you are applying to in relates to them

--A Resumé (if available)

-- A list of any relevant courses

-- A copy of your DegreeWorks

The exact content and description of the internship--and the specific duties of each intern--will be made in close consultation with the intern, the site supervisor and the faculty supervisor, and stipulated in the **required internship contract**.

For More Information students are encouraged to contact:

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