



## **Interpretive Intern – Nineteenth Amendment Project Wornall/Majors House Museums**

### **Job Description**

Interpreting artifacts, documents, and historical topics are crucial for museum educational programs. The Wornall/Majors House Museums (WMHM) manages two historic homes with unique challenges and assets. WMHM is seeking one individual with a passion for bringing history to life for members of the public by leveraging the historic house museum setting to create a “micro-exhibit” or program relating to the Nineteenth Amendment.

2020 is the bicentennial of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment. To commemorate its ratification, WMHM seeks to draw connections between the amendment and women’s history as it relates to the Wornall and Majors Houses.

### **Responsibilities**

- Research the Wornall and/or Majors families to explore women’s history and connections to women and voting in the mid-nineteenth century.
- Explore WMHM collections to find artifacts that may be utilized in a temporary exhibit or program.
- Develop and execute a mini-exhibit or program based on research.
- Write interpretive text, either for exhibit signage or script for a program.
- Work with Program Director to market and plan exhibit/event.
- Other administrative tasks as assigned.

### **Requirements**

- Strong research and writing skills, preferably with experience writing research papers, articles, or other written works. (This can include classwork.)
- Willingness to accept feedback and constructive criticism, and ability to edit and incorporate feedback.
- Attention to detail and ability to develop and execute short and long-term plans.
- Ability to clearly convey information and timelines to WMHM staff and volunteers.
- Interest in mid-nineteenth century history, preferably with some classwork done on nineteenth century topics such as the Civil War, material culture, and frontier life. Specific interest in women’s history strongly preferred.
- Experience or education in public history or museum studies.

### **Details**

Start and end dates flexible. Interns work for one “season” (February-May, June-August, or September-December), 10-12 hours per week. This project will debut in 2020, so it is strongly preferred that the intern will also be able to attend the opening of the exhibit and/or program in 2020.



This is an unpaid position. We will work with students to ensure that an internship qualifies for school credit.

Intern will work primarily out of our Wornall House location (6115 Wornall Rd., KCMO), but may do some work at the Majors House (8201 State Line Rd., KCMO), depending on the ultimate focus of the project.

To apply, please submit a resume, cover letter and writing sample to Sarah Bader-King at [programs@wornallmajors.org](mailto:programs@wornallmajors.org).

### **About Interning at the Wornall/Majors House Museums**

The Wornall/Majors House Museums is a non-profit that preserves and protects two of Kansas City's most significant antebellum landmarks – the John Wornall House Museum and the Alexander Majors House Museum. The Museums engage the Kansas City community by bringing history to life through innovative, hands-on programs and experiences. The houses, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places, feature hands-on tours, field trips, summer camps, adult education programs, and more.

Our interns will experience many facets of museum management, educational programming and non-profit administration. We value our interns and go the extra mile to make sure you receive a learning experience that fits your career goals. Internships can be tailored to fit requirements for college credit.