


GEORGE AND ANN RICHARDS
Civil War Era Center**UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER JOBS****Gettysburg National Military Park, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park****Deadline: Monday, January 30, 2017**

Do you have an interest in preserving our nation's history and sharing it with the public? Do you want to put your knowledge of history to good use this summer?

The **Richards Civil War Era Center** at Penn State invites applications from qualified Penn State undergraduate students for four paid positions at historic sites during the summer of 2017: two at Gettysburg National Military Park and two at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. The internships immerse students in a hands-on experience in public history. These non-credit, paid internships come with a \$3,500 stipend and housing.

Gettysburg National Military Park

Interpretive operations: The interpretive operations intern designs historical presentations for the public and gives tours to park visitors, interpreting the history of the town and the battle. This intern also periodically designs and participates in living history programs that educate the public on life in the 19th century.

Museum services: The museum services intern will learn the fundamental skills of archival and museum management. He or she also will assist with the conservation and preservation of the park's vast historical collections, which include diaries and letter collections from soldiers and civilians who experienced the battle, as well as material objects from the battle itself, such as flags and banners, uniforms and weapons, and paintings and prints, among other items.

Harpers Ferry National Historical Park

Education division internship: This internship is especially suited to future teachers. The intern develops and leads Civil War-themed educational programs for middle school students participating in the prestigious Congressional Youth Leadership Council. The intern also presents living history programs, while clothed in period dress, for park visitors.

Visitor services: The visitor services intern develops public presentations on a variety of topics from Harpers Ferry's unique history, such as Thomas Jefferson's survey of the area, John Brown's raid, the founding of Storer College (one of the first colleges to admit African Americans) after the Civil War, and the birth of the Niagara Movement, the forerunner to the NAACP.

Each year, Richards Center interns play a crucial role in the National Park Service's mission to preserve the nation's history, educate park visitors, and help connect Americans to their shared past. If you would like the opportunity to support this mission and gain valuable skills in historical interpretation and public education, we encourage you to apply, following the directions below.

Application Process: Applicants must have at least a 3.0 grade point average at University Park and have not graduated by the time of the internship. Applicants should submit a one-page statement of interest detailing why they would like to work at one of these National Parks and how they think the experience will further their education. They must also provide a resume, a brief letter of recommendation from a faculty member (email is acceptable), and an informal transcript. **Statements of interest and transcripts must be received by Monday, January 30, 2017. Letters of recommendation can follow.**

Direct all application materials to Matt Isham, Richards Center Managing Director at mri113@psu.edu. For more information, see the Richards Center Web site: <http://richardscenter.la.psu.edu/>, or contact Dr. Isham directly.

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