External Announcement – Internship Opportunity

**Internship Title:** GIS Internship – State Historic Preservation Office

**Internship Location:** History Colorado Center, Denver, CO

**Stipend:** $750.00. The stipend is not salary or compensation. The stipend is meant to support study and research during the tenure of the appointment. Qualified candidates may receive academic credit through their college or university.

**Apply by:** May 1, 2022

History Colorado is committed to anti-racism practices across its institution and outlined in these grounding virtues. As such, we encourage members of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) LGBTQ+ and persons with disabilities communities to apply for this internship.

**Desired Schedule:** (10 hrs/week) June – August 2022; ideally, two 5-hour sessions/week. (Intern will be invited to meet virtually for a History Colorado Intern Cohort group where they will gain knowledge of the institution and network with other interns.)

**Broad Scope of Position:** The intern will assist staff in the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)/Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) with digitizing geospatial data from the backlog so that it can be integrated into the statewide Geographic Information System (GIS) resource database. This backlog consists of cultural resource projects from all over the state of Colorado. The intern will enhance their current GIS skill set so that they can accurately analyze, georeference, rectify, and digitize this cultural resource data into a monthly production file that will be reviewed by staff and eventually loaded into the statewide Resource Database. Should time allow, the intern may also be asked to scan the hard copy project documents that directly correspond to the spatial data they were responsible for digitizing.

This internship will provide real-world experience using basic GIS applications as they apply to Archaeology/cultural resource management. The intern will gain a better understanding of how cultural resource spatial data are captured, created, and shared by different agencies, land managers, and contractors, as well as how these different entities interact with the SHPO. In addition, this internship will provide an opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of the data the SHPO receives, organizes, manages, and disseminates to professionals. Lastly, this internship will facilitate opportunities to network with archaeological/cultural resource and GIS professionals, further developing and refining skills necessary to pursue a career relating to GIS and/or cultural resource management.

**Desired Skills & Academic Field of Study:** Anthropology student or enrolled in a closely related field (e.g., environmental studies, geography, etc.) and must have successfully completed at least one Introductory GIS class by the start of the internship. The ideal applicant should already be familiar with georeferencing and digitizing data from paper maps, and have strong map-reading
skills with an understanding of United States Geological Survey (USGS) topographic maps. Additionally, the applicant must be detail oriented with a high degree of self-motivation.

**To Apply for this Position:** Submit a cover letter, resume/CV, a letter of recommendation from a GIS and/or Anthropology professor, and your answer to the question below to Director of Volunteer Engagement Emily Dobish, emily.dobish@state.co.us.

History Colorado seeks to advance the work of anti-racism. These Grounding Virtues are the result of our collective process. Please answer this question: How have these guiding principles shown up in your previous work and /or how would you contribute to these virtues in your internship position at History Colorado? Read our Grounding Virtues here: [https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2020/Anti-Racism_Grounding_Virtues.pdf](https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2020/Anti-Racism_Grounding_Virtues.pdf)

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