Invitation to Apply for Museum of Memory’s Sun Valley Neighborhood Memory Project Fellowship

Review of applications begins April 30, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled

History Colorado is seeking applications for a community fellow to join the Sun Valley Neighborhood Memory Project, part of the Museum of Memory Program. Museum of Memory's goal is to collaborate with Colorado's communities to co-author their shared stories and explore their past on their own terms, from their own perspectives, and in their own voices through the telling of the community's stories. The goal of the Sun Valley Neighborhood Memory Project is to engage with new and older residents of Sun Valley to tell and share stories about the neighborhood, collect and preserve their stories and share these through a community event, exhibit or community art. This project is in partnership with the Sun Valley Kitchen and Community Center.

We invite students, community organizers, community storytellers and community members engaged in the history of Sun Valley to collaborate with History Colorado and the Sun Valley Kitchen in the implementation of this meaningful work.

The fellowship period is from May 2022-August 2024.

Fellowship Perks:

- **Total stipend** of $22,500 for the full term of the appointment (29 months). The stipend is not salary or compensation. The stipend is an award meant to support your expenses associated with the work during the tenure of the appointment and will be issued in monthly stipends.
- Affiliation to History Colorado and access to its workspaces and resources.
- Mentorship and training from History Colorado’s Staff (e.g. community-based memory work, oral history collecting and processing, community storytelling).
- Opportunities for learning and professional development

**Schedule:** 10 hours/week, date/time flexible, including weekends and evenings. (Applicants must be prepared to participate in some in-person on-site activities in Sun Valley and History Colorado Center and to work remotely when needed.

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

As part of project activities, the Community Fellow will:

- Spend an average of **10 hours a week** engaged in project activities virtually or in person—e.g. Training, planning meetings, collaboration, community-based work, administrative work.
- Serve as the project coordinator, primary liaison and records keeper for the project in Sun Valley.
- Support community outreach, planning, scheduling and carry out activities related to the neighborhood memory project in collaboration with History Colorado and the Sun Valley Kitchen.
- Identify interested community members to invite them to participate in activities and meetings.
- Work alongside community members, volunteers, the Sun Valley Kitchen and History Colorado to complete the project.
- Participate in opportunities for collaborative learning and training with the project team—including training in oral history collecting and processing.
- Work with History Colorado staff to collect, store, and process oral histories, photographs and other items from the community resulting from this project.
- Be available for public outreach to share project activities.
- Co-create a community arts based product to celebrate and share community histories—this may include working alongside mural artists, musicians, painters or video/sound editors.
- Learn and understand all aspects of Museum of Memory methodology and activities.
- Participate in regular check-ins and learning conversations with the project team.

**Fellowship Requirements:**

- **Experience volunteering or participating in neighborhood activities in Sun Valley**
- Current or former residents of Sun Valley preferred
- A passion for community-engaged work and relationship building
- Creative, self-motivated, and intellectually curious individual committed to sharing the community’s history
- Ability to be very organized with agendas, paperwork, and materials
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as a team member
- Can participate in project activities some evenings and weekends, if needed.
- Clear and effective oral communication skills

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● Familiarity with G Suite (e.g. Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Forms), Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint—or interest in learning how to use it.
● Has access to and ability to use a computer for attending meetings and having virtual conversations.
● Pass a background check
● Optional: Bilingual in languages spoken in Sun Valley (Spanish/English; Vietnamese/English; French/English; Arabic/English; Somali/English)
● Optional: Educational background in History, Museum Studies, Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work or other related degree programs.

To Apply for this Position: Please submit the following materials by email to the Museum of Memory manager, María Islas-López at maria.islaslopez@state.co.us:
● A cover letter addressing your interest in the Sun Valley Neighborhood Memory Project, fellowship. Provide the following information in the letter:
  ○ Your expertise, experience or background and relationship to Sun Valley.
  ○ Your readiness to support project implementation in Sun Valley.
  ○ Your thoughts on why this project is important for Sun Valley.
● A CV or resume, including two references with contact details
● An answer to a supplementary question:
  ○ As a response to the national protests regarding systemic injustice, History Colorado staff came together during the months of July and August to discuss as an institutional community the ways in which History Colorado can advance the work of anti-racism. These Grounding Virtues are the result of our collective process. Please click here to learn more: https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2020/Anti-Racism_Grounding_Virtues.pdf
  Question:
  How have these guiding principles shown up in your previous work and /or how would you contribute to these virtues in your position at History Colorado?

To get more information on the project, contact María Islas-López, maria.islaslopez@state.co.us

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