



## History Colorado

### External Announcement – Internship Opportunity

**Internship Title:** Historic Landscape Design & Education Internship

**Internship Location:** Healy House & Dexter Cabin, Leadville, CO

**Stipend:** \$2,000. 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:** Open until filled

**Desired Schedule:** 300 hours total Spring and or Summer 2023 (schedule TBD by intern and supervisor)..

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.

**Broad Scope of Position:** This intern will assist in finalizing the landscape design for our historic Leadville site by adding details to return the gardens to a premier visitor and education destination in Leadville. Gain hands-on experience creating a multipurpose educational garden that will greatly influence the use of the museum property in the town of Leadville, inspire garden tourists to visit, and motivate thousands of visitors to install similar plants at home. The intern will help promote home vegetable cultivation by teaching the local community about gardening techniques and guiding them throughout the season via onsite education. During the internship, the intern will:

- Research “eye-popping” alpine plants
- Add to the landscape plan common and Latin names of outstanding companion plants that go together well in the various beds in the different micro climate zones around the property.
- Review the coldest and warmest areas on the property and help finish the design accordingly in conjunction with the director's wishes to ensure that the property will be functional as well as beautiful.
- Research and help design high raised kitchen garden beds with covers that are handicapped accessible.
- Help to source seeds, plants, and materials.
- Help sow seeds in the greenhouse
- Working with the director, create a summer garden lecture series to inspire and teach locals how to create similar beds at home.

Additionally, the intern will work with the Director to create interpretive signage that identifies the plants and their use or connection to the house museum and region. If time permits, the intern can

work with the staff to host an outdoor workshop to teach high altitude garden related skills to the local community.

Outcomes: This internship will give the intern the opportunity to help create the highest formal Victorian garden in the US, an important historical education and destination garden from the ground up that will garner a lot of attention in the state. Additionally, they will gain experience in community relations.

**Desired Skills & Academic Field of Study:** This intern must be in their final years of horticultural studies and have a good understanding of how to create a detailed landscape plan and know how to create beautiful, showy, eye-popping gardens that evolve over the summer season and yet still have four-season interest at an altitude of 10,152 feet.

**To Apply for this Position:** Submit a resume, cover letter, two letters of recommendations, and your answer to the question below to Emily Dobish, Director of Volunteer Engagement, emily.dobish@state.co.us@state.co.us.

History Colorado is committed to advancing the work of anti-racism, and our staff have developed guiding virtues to inform that work. How would you contribute to these virtues in your position at History Colorado?

Please go to the link below to see the virtues:

[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)

**Vaccine Verification & Safety Procedures:**

All interns who do their service on site (at any of our History Colorado locations) are required to send verification of vaccination (no vaccination records will be shared with anyone outside of the HR staff and records will be kept securely in the HR office). Verification will be a part of the onboarding process.

**\*\*A condition of employment is the successful completion of a background check.**