



Museums & Digital Learning Diversity Fellowship

History Colorado is pleased to announce the Museums and Digital Learning Diversity Fellowship, part of History Colorado's Diversity Fellowship Program. History Colorado Diversity Fellowships encourage undergraduate and graduate students from untapped communities to explore museum work and the challenges within museums, historical organizations, and cultural institutions as they relate to inclusion, representation, narrative, and the workforce.

The fellow will work remotely with the Director of Collections Access and the Director of Learning Experiences on the Museums and Digital Learning project. This two-year, IMLS funded initiative will make History Colorado's collections and educational resources accessible to students and teachers through a new, digital platform. In addition to working with digitized collections and museum created educational materials the fellow will participate in the expansion of the MDL project to enhance the features of the platform. The project will also support the development of additional content using History Colorado resources.

Timeline and Award Details

This 500 hour-long fellowship is designed to engage a student in museum education. The fellowship will also include aspects of public engagement with a final presentation or blogpost. Applicants must be prepared to complete the fellowship remotely from November 2020 to August 2021.

The fellow will receive a stipend of \$8,000. The fellowship stipend is not salary or compensation. The stipend is meant to support study and research during the tenure of the appointment and will be issued in two installments in the middle and end of the fellowship period.

Qualifications

History Colorado is seeking an undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in a college or university. Applicants must currently be enrolled for Fall 2020.

All candidates must be from an untapped community. The successful candidate will be a creative, self-motivated, and intellectually curious individual committed to the mission of History Colorado to create a better future for Colorado by inspiring wonder in our past.

Application Process

To be considered for this fellowship, please submit the following materials by email to Emily Dobish at emily.dobish@state.co.us:

- A cover letter addressing your interest in the project and the fellowship program
- A CV or resume, including two references with contact details
- Brief written response to the supplementary question below

Application deadline is October 30, 2020.

The fellowship will be awarded by a competitive process, and only completed applications will be considered. After reviewing applications, finalists will be offered a virtual interview with program staff.

Supplementary Question

As a response to the recent 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:

https://www.historycolorado.org/sites/default/files/media/document/2020/Anti-Racism_Grounding_Virtues.pdf

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?

About Museums for Digital Learning

Museums for Digital Learning (MDL) is a collaborative project of three museums of various disciplines. We are developing a platform that will enable museums to share their institutions' collections with K-12 educators, in the form of digital educational resources co-created by the museums and a cohort of classroom educators.

About the History Colorado Diversity Fellowship Program

Interested in a career in museums? Curious about how collections are used to engage the public? Want to earn extra funds while building your resume? This program encourages you to explore a career in museums while learning about collections care and the ways in which collections and curatorial staff work to increase access to the collection.

The History Colorado Diversity Fellowship encourages undergraduate and graduate students from untapped communities who are enrolled at an accredited Colorado university or college to explore collections-related work and the challenges within museums, historical organizations, and cultural institutions as they relate to inclusion, representation, narrative, and the workforce.

The History Colorado Diversity Fellowship Program is a proactive initiative to bring more diverse experiences and individuals into the History Colorado organization. Since cultural organizations tend to be representative of the social structures and political traditions of the groups who created them, it can take a determined effort to make their staff, programs, and collections more

reflective of diverse populations. More voices and perspectives contribute to the betterment of our work.

For museums, diversity and community engagement are not issues of political correctness. The demographic shifts in Colorado require History Colorado and other cultural organizations to diversify the perspective of their establishments in order to truly fulfill their missions.