



Newport Historical Society

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2021 Remote Buchanan Burnham Summer Scholars in Public History Program

Application Deadline: Complete applications must be received by **April 2, 2021**

Description: Contribute to the study and promotion of the diverse and dynamic history of Newport, Rhode Island through a remote manuscript index project. Since 1854 the Newport Historical Society (NHS) has collected and preserved five centuries of American history and continues to document Newport's unique contribution to our national narrative. It acts as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present.

2021 Fellows will be contributing to an online database that will index the names of Newport's 18th century enslaved, indentured, and manumitted population, as they remotely process pre-selected collections of NHS' internationally important manuscript archive. This project aims to capture information on race, status, and relationships. Fellows will have the opportunity to choose one document, person, and or relationship for deeper research and interpretation.

THE BUCHANAN BURNHAM SUMMER SCHOLARS IN PUBLIC HISTORY program is open to students enrolled in a graduate program, preparing to apply to a graduate program, or recent graduates. Ideal candidates should have completed course work in American history, experience with archival research and historic documents. Applicants must have the means to work remotely and be prepared to read digitized 18th century documents. Attention to detail and data entry are a must. Weekly check-ins with NHS staff will be required, and engagement in some NHS programs, practicums or workshops may be expected. NHS has the right of first refusal on any publication resulting from research produced during the fellowship.

Timeframe: 20 hours a week for 10 weeks between June 1 – August 13. Weekly schedule is flexible and will be finalized after a candidate is selected.

\$4,000 stipend; 2 positions available.

Eligibility: current graduate students with a background in museum collections, archives, or American History. Students preparing to apply to a graduate program may also apply. The Newport Historical Society is an equal opportunity employer. The facilities of the NHS are not universally handicapped accessible; applicants with accessibility questions should contact the

NHS for more information. 401-846-0813. ipeters@NewportHistory.org.

To Apply: Send a **resume**, copies of **transcript(s)** (including both undergraduate & graduate transcripts), two **letters of recommendation**, and a **letter** stating your reasons for applying, and your career goals to:

Buchanan Burnham Fellowship
Newport Historical Society
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Newport, RI 02840
ipeters@NewportHistory.org

Benefits: \$4000 stipend, paid in equal installments every other week, applicable federal and state taxes will be withheld.

Fellowship Selection Process: Admission to the fellowship program is competitive; candidates are selected by a committee of local scholars and NHS staff. Enthusiasm for history, historic artifacts, and public history is required. Experience studying early America, giving tours, conducting historical research, or teaching is preferred. The NHS will invite leading candidates for telephone interviews in early April; the NHS will notify successful candidates by late April.

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For More Information: See www.newporthistorical.org/fellowship.htm, call (401) 846-0813, or send email to ipeters@NewportHistory.org