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Newport Historical Society

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2022 Buchanan Burnham Summer Scholars in Public History Program

Application Deadline: Complete applications must be received by **March 15, 2022**

Description: Join a team of students, scholars, and museum professionals studying and promoting the diverse and dynamic history of Newport, Rhode Island. 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.

Fellows have access to NHS' internationally important manuscript and artifact collections; engage with the public through leading tours and programs; and put theory into practice by participating in the daily operations of NHS. Training is provided.

2022 Fellows will be contributing to two initiatives - *Know Your History* a hub for resources that connects audiences with historical information that is relevant to the history we are making now (including BIPOC Biographies from the Archives of the Newport Historical Society); and a forthcoming collaborative exhibit with the Rhode Island Historical Society on the history of Rhode Island.

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 if necessary. NHS has the right of first refusal on any publication resulting from research produced during the fellowship. Fellows accepted into the program must provide proof of vaccination from COVID-19.

\$6,000 stipend; 2 positions available.

Schedule: May 31 – August 12. Weekly schedule is flexible and will be finalized after a candidate is selected; expect to work approximately 30 hrs./week. Remote work may be considered.

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, your career goals, your area of interest or a proposed topic for an individual project to:

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

Benefits: \$6000 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 late March; the NHS will notify successful candidates by early April.

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