



## Research Internship

### Position Description

January 2021

#### About the Cambridge Historical Society

The Cambridge Historical Society engages with our city to explore how the past influences the present in order to shape a better future. Just as every person in Cambridge has knowledge about its history, every person in Cambridge is a steward of Cambridge history. We inspire people to be caretakers of the city and its history.

#### About the Project

The Society seeks a graduate-level intern to research enslaved people in Cambridge in the years leading up to, during, and immediately after the American Revolution.

#### Intern Duties

- **Conduct primary and secondary research** about the experiences of enslaved people in Cambridge, building off work that has already been done by other organizations
- **Meet and collaborate** with other organizations in the city doing similar work to coordinate and amplify past and on-going research
- **Create a walking tour** of relevant sites in Cambridge, to be given in the spring (if possible with COVID restrictions), as well as permanently housed on our website
- **Write at least two blog posts** on our website about the research experience
- **Identify two different speakers** to be presenters at two virtual History Cafés about the topic

#### Hours + Compensation

- The intern is expected to work around 10 hours a week February- June 2021
- (Virtual) meetings with staff and colleagues at other institutions take place primarily between the hours of 9AM-5PM Eastern Time, Mon-Fri, with at least two evening events required (History Cafés)
- A stipend of \$3,500 will be awarded

#### Qualifications

- Must have demonstrated education or knowledge of African American history/studies and/or the American Civil Rights Movement
- Exceptional research and writing skills acquired through graduate-level coursework
- An appreciation of the history of Cambridge, Massachusetts and the field of public history;

- Experience working in a team setting as well as independently; ability to meet deadlines; detail-oriented; strong organizational and communication skills required
- Ability to attend virtual meetings with Society staff and other organizations in Cambridge remotely

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the intern must be able to work remotely. Knowledge of Cambridge, Massachusetts history is preferred, but not required.

We welcome applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences. Members of underrepresented groups, minorities, women, veterans, persons with disabilities, and all persons committed to diversity and inclusive excellence are strongly encouraged to apply. This internship was made possible through a grant from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

To apply, please submit your resume and letter of interest to Marieke Van Damme, Executive Director, at [mvandamme@cambridgehistory.org](mailto:mvandamme@cambridgehistory.org) by January 18, 2021 for consideration by the selection committee.