The modern concept of internships essentially springs from the medieval apprenticeship, in which skilled laborers (often craftsmen) would teach a young person their trade and, in exchange, that person would agree to work for the teacher for a certain length of time.

The main difference between an apprenticeship and an internship is that internships are more exploratory. You're not bound to work for your employer after the internship is over (although many interns do receive job offers). If you start early enough to do a few internships throughout college, you can use the first ones to get a feel for what career you'd like to pursue and the later ones to build your experience.*

An internship can be a valuable first step towards a great career – but have you thought about in how many ways it can benefit you? An internship can:

- provide a chance to network with others in, and around, your field of interest
- provide a network for future jobs
- offer valuable on-the-job skills
- give a student academic credit, or in some cases, a stipend
- help establish if a career path is the right fit
- possibly offer international experience

History majors can look for internships in fields related to history, as well as fields such as: government, public service, legal, non-profit, business, communications and many more. The opportunities are endless!!

***This guide is in no way an exhaustive list of internship opportunities, it is a “place to start”***
**CAMPUS RESOURCES**

**The History Department**

The History Department has nine internship sites available to junior/senior history majors. These internships are taken for 4000 level history credit (History 4940) and are graded on a S/U basis. Sites are located in Columbia and in Jefferson City and are available each semester, including the summer semester for most sites. History Department Internships include:

- Missouri State Archives
- National History Day
- State Historical Society of Missouri – Archives & Manuscript Internship
- State Historical Society of Missouri – Oral History Internship
- Boone County Historical Society
- University of Missouri Archives
- Missouri State Museum
- The Museum of Missouri Military History
- The Missouri Department of Transportation
- The Riverview Cemetery Association

**The MU Career Center**  ([http://career.missouri.edu/jobs-internships/internships](http://career.missouri.edu/jobs-internships/internships))

The MU Career Center, located in the Student Success Center, has excellent information on internship search engines, including, but not limited to:

- Backdoorjobs.com
- InternJobs.com (opportunities worldwide & by regions of the U.S.)
- GetThatGig.com
- Vault.com
- Idealist.org
- Internships.com

And internship guidebooks, including but not limited to:

- The History Internship Book (a list of internship sites by state)
- The Museum Internship Book
- Washington Internships in Law & Policy

**The Office of Service Learning**  ([http://servicelearning.missouri.edu](http://servicelearning.missouri.edu)), 208 Lowry Hall

The Office of Service has internship opportunities in many different areas, including the Civic Leaders Internship Program, which consists of government internships here in Missouri and in Washington, D.C. They also have information on internships in non-profit agencies, district attorney’s offices, etc. These internships are available, for academic credit, each semester and, in some cases, in the summer.

**College of Business – Career Services**


Students pay a one-time fee of $100.00 to use all of the services offered by the Career Services office, including job and internship search services, resume writing, interviewing workshops, etc.
POTENTIAL SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – HISTORY RELATED

**Remember this is just a place to start, not an all inclusive list**

Within Missouri

George Washington Carver National Monument, Diamond, Missouri.
www.nps.gov/gwca
Deadline for Summer Internships: April 30th

Harry S. Truman Library & Museum, Independence, Missouri.
www.trumanlibrary.org
Deadline for Summer Internships: April 30th

Wilson Creek National Battlefield, Republic, Missouri.
www.nps.gov/wicr
Deadline for Summer Internships: May 15th

Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Missouri.
www.mohistory.org
Deadline for Summer Internships: March 30th

Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, St. Louis, Missouri
www.nps.gov/ULSG

Eugene Field House & Toy Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
www.eugenefieldhouse.org
Deadline for Summer Internships: April 1st

Saint Louis Museum of Art, St. Louis, Missouri
www.slam.org
Deadline for Summer Internships: March 1st

Missouri History Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
www.mohistory.org/employment/internships

International Photography Hall of Fame & Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
www.iphf.org
Deadline for Summer Internships: April 30th

Campbell House Museum, St. Louis, Missouri
www.campbellhousemuseum.org/volunteer/internships

John Wornall House Museum, Kansas City, Missouri
www.wornallmajors.org/intern-wornallmajors
Deadline for Summer Internships: March
Kansas City Museum – Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri  
www.unionstation.org

National Archives at Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri  
www.archives.gov/kansas-city/exhibitions-intern.html

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, Missouri  
www.nelson-atkins.org/welcome/jobintern.cfm

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri  
www.kemperart.org/volunteer-internships

The National WWI Museum & Memorial, Kansas City, Missouri  
https://theworldwar.org/careers
Deadline for Summer Internships: April 15th

**Outside of Missouri and Sites with Varied Locations**

Chicago Children’s Museum, Chicago, Illinois  
www.chicagochildrenmuseum.org

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois  
www.mcachicago.org

Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio  
www.wrhs.org/explore/internships
Deadline for Summer Internships: March 31st

Smithsonian Office of Fellowships and Internships  
http://www.smithsonianofi.com/blog/2012/12/26/smithsonian-internships/

Federal Bureau of Investigation Volunteer Internship Program  
www.fbijobs.gov

Historic Preservation Internship Training Program, Technical Preservation Services, National Park Service  
www.nps.gov/tps/education/internships.htm

National Park Service  
www.nps.gov/aboutus/jobsforstudents.htm

Kinder Scholars Program in Washington, D.C.  
This is a competitive internship, with opportunities available at History and Political Science related sites. For more information:  
https://democracy.missouri.edu/programs/undergraduate/kinder-scholars/