



EDUCATION INTERNSHIPS

Objective:

To learn the various aspects of small museum work, including visitor services, public programming development and delivery, retail shop management, event planning, and special projects as assigned.

As interns, you'll make a significant contribution to Maine's first and only Smithsonian Affiliate, a Museum beloved by visitors from around the world. The Smithsonian is the guardian of some of our nation's most valuable scientific, historic, and artistic treasures and is a leader in research, innovation, and discovery. The Abbe Museum fits snugly within this realm, offering our visitors unique and inspiring experiences every single day. Interns help the Museum encourage a more empathetic and culturally-aware society by inspiring visitors to think more deeply about the history and contemporary lives of individuals from other cultures.

An internship at the Abbe is a collaborative, customizable experience. We'd love to work with you to develop projects that suit your individual needs, interests, and skill sets.

Abbe interns will:

- Work alongside the Curator of Education and Manager of Guest Experience to plan, script, and deliver their own interactive, dialogic programs.
- Be directly involved with the front line operations and guest services of a busy small museum.
- Gain first-hand experience in the development and delivery of museum programming.
- Create new virtual tours of Abbe exhibits and edit materials for our online resources.
- Generate new, engaging content for the Abbe Museum's blog.
- Conduct independent research projects on a variety of topics including decolonization methodologies and practice.
- Manage small and medium scale projects under the direction of Abbe Museum staff.
- Aid Abbe staff during larger events such as The Abbe Midsummer, the Native American Festival and Basketmakers Market, and the Abbe Museum's annual meeting.



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Schedule:

Monday-Friday, some evenings and weekends as necessary for events.

Compensation:

Internships at the Abbe Museum are unpaid, but the potential exists for educational credit.

Requirements:

Interns should be keenly aware of the Abbe Museum's decolonization initiative and be prepared to work in an inclusive work environment. We are seeking highly motivated individuals who can work independently and within a team setting. Experience working with the public, in education, or other Indigenous institutions is a plus.

Prospective interns should send their resume and a letter of recommendation to careers@abbemuseum.org. Additionally, candidates should submit a short essay (1-3 paragraphs) that answers the following prompt:

The Abbe Museum is a decolonizing museum. What does this mean to you, and how does this meaning apply to museum education?