

McNeil Center for Early American Studies
Call for Partners
C. Dallett Hemphill Summer Internship Program

The McNeil Center for Early American Studies is soliciting institutional partners to host summer interns who will carry out public-facing history work in the greater Philadelphia region during the summer of 2022.

The McNeil Center aims to create paid opportunities for undergraduate and terminal-degree masters students to develop their interests and skills in doing history in professional settings. Internships will last approximately 8 weeks and will require full-time work (35 hours per week).

Toward this end, the McNeil Center seeks to partner with institutions that are willing to emphasize mentorship and can demonstrate a plan for, and commitment to, the professional and intellectual development of interns. Each internship should have components that include research, analysis, and communication. The program aims to link interns with institutions with specific projects to which they can contribute, and to integrate the results of those projects with the intellectual life of the Center.

Internships should relate broadly to the Center's mission to facilitate inquiry into the histories and cultures of North America in the Atlantic world before 1850. However, the internship program hopes to solicit proposals from a diverse array of institutional partners. These might include museums, historic sites, or digital humanities projects. But they also might include public art projects with a historical component or initiatives to reinterpret monuments.

The McNeil Center invites potential partners to submit a letter of interest to Laura Keenan Spero (lakeenan@sas.upenn.edu) by January 21, 2022. Letter writers should address the following:

- What project or duties would define the proposed internship?
- How does this project draw on and contribute to the work of doing history?
- What types of teaching or mentorship would you provide for the student?
- Is there a possibility that your institution could contribute funding toward a stipend?

Questions about the internship program and about the letters should also be directed to the McNeil Center's Coordinator of Scholarly Programs, Laura Keenan Spero, at lakeenan@sas.upenn.edu.