Cultural Sector Historic Building Preservation Internship – Fall 2020

Historic Richmond Town, Staten Island NY (8 – 24 hours per week – flexible schedule)

Application Deadline: Rolling Admissions

Historic Richmond Town was founded as the Staten Island Historical Society in 1856. The mission is to create opportunities for the public to explore the diversity of the American experience, especially that of Staten Island and its neighboring communities. This complex includes over 40 historic structures dating from the 1600s to 1920. The complex includes NYC’s oldest continuously working family farm and one of the oldest houses in the State. Over 100,000 annual visitors enjoy tours, educational programs, museum exhibits and special events.

Description:

The Historic Building Preservation Internship is an opportunity for a person to gain hands-on experience in the building trades with historic building preservation and restoration, learning from master craftsmen.

Reporting to the Lead Preservationist, intern’s duties will include the following:

1. Learn about historic building materials, period specifications, and traditional tools

2. Restoring and preserving architectural aspects such as windows, doors, sashes, cabinetry, moldings and more

3. Learn hands-on restoration practices in accordance with NYC’s Landmark’s Preservation Commission

4. Learn how to safely operate machinery and tools, including areal lifts, and fall protection

The internship has flexible dates and comes with a $500 stipend. No room and board available.

Qualifications: Must be currently enrolled in or have completed a graduate study (historic preservation, trades/craftsman, carpentry, museum studies, public history, American History, or similar).

Qualified candidate must have an interest in historic building preservation. Intern should be organized, mature, professional, and willing to work outdoors doing physical tasks. An in-person interview is required.

If interested, please send cover letter and resume to: jphillips[at]historicrichmondtown.org