



Texas History Internship Description

Position Title:	Texas History Intern	Position Duration:	Summer 2024 (June-Aug 2024)
Reports to:	Leslie Ochoa, MA, Vice President of Collections; Ron Davis, Curator of American History		
Location:	Witte Museum Repository (San Antonio, Texas 78219)		

About the Witte:

The Witte Museum, where Nature, Science and Culture meet inspires people to shape the future of Texas through relevant and transformative experiences in nature, science and culture. Through the lens of Texas Deep Time, the Witte explores the histories of millions of years ago, thousands of years ago and hundreds of years ago. Themes of land, sky, and water weave through the museum and enliven the Witte's educational offerings. Only at the Witte can visitors see the dinosaurs that roamed along the shallow seas that would become Texas; learn about the first people who lived in what is now Texas; experience courageous and contentious Texas history, and see the value of land stewardship through the abundant flora and fauna on the expansive lands of Texas.

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Internship Summary:

This internship will provide a professional experience to advance strategic initiatives that culminate into the reimagining of the Texas History exhibits. The intern will gain hands-on and eyes-on experience with curatorial work and collection management for the Witte's Texas History Collection. Under the supervision of the Vice President of Collections and the Witte's Curators, the intern will assist to improve the stewardship of the collection through rehousing, cataloguing, curation, and enhanced collection management. The intern will be someone who has an understanding of Texas or American history and/or material culture and wishes to gain insight into collections work within a museum setting.

Summary of Responsibilities:

- Unpack Texas History artifacts, identify, and assess condition.
- Determine any conservation or cleaning needs, under the guidance of supervisors.
- Capture catalogue information as well as digital images of each object.
- Update object records in the collections management database Re:Discovery Proficio.

Required Qualifications:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program at an accredited institution in museum studies, history, anthropology, or related field.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Exhibit attention to detail, precision in execution of work, and critical thinking skills.
- Ability to work independently or collaboratively with others.
- Interested in or has an understanding of museum best practices and standards.
- Understanding of collection management databases, particularly Re:Discovery Proficio.

Hours per week:	15-20/work week	Compensation:	Nonpaid (for course credit)
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How to Apply

Interested parties should complete the Internship Application on the Witte Museum website (<https://www.wittemuseum.org/about/internships/>) and include a resume and a cover letter which includes how one's interest, skills, and experience combined qualify one for the internship and how the internship fits into your academic and/or career goals by May 1, 2024.