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OCHM announces 2022 Summer Internship Opportunities

TAUNTON, MA—

The Old Colony History Museum is pleased to announce that applications for 2022 Summer Internships are now being accepted. Internships are intended to provide students who demonstrate financial need and academic motivation in the field of history, public history, museum education, museum studies, or a related field access to resources and experiences that enhance their community engagement, encourage personal and professional development, and support future college and career success.

“Across the museum field and internally here at the OCHM, there have been a lot of conversations about how museums can be more equitable,” explains OCHM Executive Director Katie MacDonald. “One area that we identified is our internship program. Museums for too long have relied on unpaid internships for people just entering the field, and I did that too when I was in school. My contention is that if we want to offer high-level, career training to our community then we need to pay people for the time and effort they put into that training. Let’s open up the possibilities of museum work and local history to everyone and not just to people who can afford to work for free.”

This internship was made possible through a grant from the Bristol County Savings Bank Charitable Foundation which has a strong record of supporting the local community and the Old Colony History Museum. “Bristol County Savings Bank is an amazing local partner. I can’t thank them enough for not only their support of our internship program, but for all of the support they give year-round to so many worthy organizations in our community,” said MacDonald.

Please visit <https://www.oldcolonyhistorymuseum.org/opportunities/> to see the roles in greater detail and learn how to apply. The ideal candidates will demonstrate financial need and academic motivation in the field of history, public history, museum education, or a related field. The OCHM welcomes applications from individuals of all backgrounds and experiences.

About the Old Colony History Museum:

The Old Colony History Museum houses significant collections which chronicle lives lived, wars waged, fortunes won and ingenuity rewarded. We encourage visitors to walk among our exhibits and discover regional history. The Museum’s parent organization is the Old Colony Historical Society, one of the oldest organizations of its kind in New England. Founded in 1853, it serves the region of southeastern Massachusetts that was once part of the Plymouth Colony.

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