



Stratford Hall
HISTORIC PRESERVE

Position: Historic Preservation Intern

Location: Stratford Hall, 483 Great House Road, Stratford, VA 22558

Term: 10 Weeks, ~40 hrs/week

Compensation: \$1800 stipend + housing

Overview

Stratford Hall's Preservation Department seeks a motivated summer intern for a hands-on experience in historic preservation. This is not a passive learning opportunity—interns will actively engage in physical restoration work and contribute to the daily operations of the Preservation and Maintenance Departments. Supervision will be provided by the Preservation Manager and Director of Preservation.

Key Responsibilities

- Perform hands-on restoration work including:
 - Exterior painting and wood repair
 - Masonry and repointing
 - Window glazing
 - Plaster repair
 - Carpentry and general building conservation
- Participate in daily departmental operations
- Additional preservation tasks may arise depending on project needs

Required Qualifications

- Solid understanding of 18th-century building materials and techniques

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- Familiarity with architectural terminology
- Knowledge of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Properties
- Ability to work independently, problem-solve, and follow safety protocols
- Physically capable of manual labor: lifting up to 80 lbs, climbing ladders/scaffolding (up to 20 ft), working outdoors in varied weather (heat, humidity, rain)

Preferred Experience

- Training in historic trades or museum-based preservation and restoration
- Experience with both hand and power tools
- Desire to pursue a career in museum or historic site preservation

Education

- Currently enrolled in or recently graduated from a Historic Preservation program
- Minimum one year of preservation coursework completed

Application Instructions

Applicants **must** submit the following:

1. Letter of Interest (max 500 words) detailing:
 - Your interest in the preservation internship at Stratford Hall
 - Your goals for the internship
 - Dates available
 - Relevant hands-on experience and transferable skills
2. Resume
3. Two references
4. Be prepared to submit examples of work upon request

Deadline: March 6, 2026

Email materials to: lmanderson@stratfordhall.org (Subject: Historic Preservation Intern)

About Stratford Hall: Stratford Hall is a National Historic Landmark located in Westmoreland County, VA nestled along the Potomac River with over 1800 acres of open land, gardens, forest and beaches. A publicly accessible museum and historic site for over ninety years and home to the only two brothers to have signed the Declaration of Independence, Stratford Hall will leverage the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the birth of our nation to reintroduce our broad and diverse stories to our communities and stakeholders. A model of historic preservation and land conservation, Stratford Hall contributes actively to the Northern Neck community and encourages applications from strategic thinkers committed to joining this collaborative and dynamic leadership team as we undergo a transformative strategic planning process.

What We Offer: We are an Equal Opportunity Employer committed to creating an inclusive and collaborative culture among our staff, which we believe is critical to advancing our mission. Prospects interested in helping to ensure Stratford Hall remains relevant for future generations and in making a difference at our historic site, in our field, and to our community are encouraged to apply. For more information about our organization please visit www.stratfordhall.org

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