



Latino Heritage Internship Program

LATINO HERITAGE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Diversity Internship Program



NPS UNIT: HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT OF AMERICA	PD#: 36
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Position Title: Archives Intern
Position Type: LHIP Traditional Internship (Public Land Corps)
Primary natural resource discipline: Resource Management
Location: 8523 West State Highway 4
 Beatrice, NE 68310

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Position Description: This internship will focus on organizing the park’s oral history information into archival collections and creating finding aids. The intern will work alongside the park cultural resource staff to learn the steps necessary to process and organize archival records. Homestead National Monument of America has over 125 oral history interviews from multiple projects including interviews conducted by former Latino Heritage interns. The intern will complete finding aids for some of oral history collections: Park History, Freeman School, Dempster Employees, and Alaska Homesteaders. The intern will also help determine any preservation or legal needs of the oral history collections. Additional duties will include cataloging museum objects, data entry in the National Park Service museum database, assisting with the annual museum inventory, environmental monitoring, housekeeping, and visitor services.

This position is offered through the National Park Service's Latino Heritage Internship Program in partnership with Environment for the Americas.

COVID ACCOMMODATIONS

No

LEARNING GOALS

This project will teach the intern the theory and methods used to organize archives, create finding aids, and catalog museum objects. The position will develop the intern’s abilities to plan projects, develop project strategies, and solve potential problems. They will be introduced to computer software used for managing a National Park’s museum collection database.

MENTORING

The intern will be working with the Historian and Museum Technician as part of the Cultural Resource team. They will provide the background knowledge of the park and projects the intern will be working on. The collections projects will be conducted by the intern with mentorship from the Cultural Resource staff. A member of the Cultural Resource team will always be available to answer questions and assist with the project.

PROJECT RESULTS

N/A

LEADERSHIP

N/A

DHA-RAI OUTCOMES

N/A

NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

Physical Work Environment: Homestead National Monument of America is surrounded by agricultural land. The park has walking trails through the tallgrass prairie and forest habitats. During the summer the weather can be up to 100°F with high humidity. Elevation is 1,286 feet above sea level. The park is about six miles from the community of Beatrice, Nebraska, a town of around 12,000 which has multiple grocery stores and other amenities. The community is primarily non-Latino white. Within an hour drive is Lincoln, Nebraska, the state capitol. Lincoln has Latino communities and organizations.

Work Environment: The park has two visitor centers. The intern will be working in the basement of the Heritage Center most of the time. The park usually has two interns in the summer and Artist-in-Residence participants who may also live in the shared housing.

VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A driver's license is required, and a personal vehicle is strongly recommended. The park housing is about ¾ of a mile from the work site and six miles to any stores and other amenities.