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### Diversity Internship Program



<b>NPS UNIT: NATIONAL TRAILS - NATIONAL PARK SERVICE</b>	<b>PD#: 70</b>
<p><b>Position Title:</b> Latino Historic Trails Partnership Outreach Intern  <b>Position Type:</b> LHIP Traditional Internship (Public Land Corps)  <b>Primary natural resource discipline:</b> Outreach/Public Affairs  <b>Location:</b> 1100 Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87505 (National Trails headquarters)  2500 Campus Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87131 (University of New Mexico offices)</p>	
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>	
<p><b>Position Description:</b> The National Trails office administers nine National Historic Trails (NHTs), including four with major emphasis on the Latino experience in the southwestern borderlands: the Santa Fe Trail, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, El Camino Real de los Tejas, and the Old Spanish Trail. Taken together, these trails stretch from Missouri to California and down into Mexico.</p> <p>Owners/administrators of properties that have either played a role in trail history or interpret trail history (like museums or visitor centers) can become certified partners for one or more of the National Historic Trails; some certified sites are on private land, while others are administered by local, state, non-federal government agencies. Certified partners may also receive technical assistance from the National Trails office in signing the trail, developing trail interpretation, and promotion of the site on trail websites. The National Trails office’s History Team is responsible for the process of certifying partnerships.</p> <p>The enabling legislation of two of the national historic trails—El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro and El Camino Real de los Tejas—calls for collaboration with partners in Mexico, which has led to a robust decades-long partnership with our colleagues in Mexico, specifically with the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH). As appropriate, the intern will engage with INAH on outreach efforts.</p> <p>Working with the History Team, the Latino Historic Trails Partnership Outreach Intern will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immerse themselves in the Latino history of the national historic trails—for example, the role of Hispanic merchants on the Santa Fe Trail, or the early settlement of Texas along El Camino Real de los Tejas</li> <li>• Learn about National Trails’ decades-long partnership and trail initiatives with Mexico’s Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH)</li> <li>• Under direction of project supervisor, participate in partner outreach and coordination efforts regarding the trails’ binational data sharing initiative</li> </ul> <p>Learn about the NPS partnership certification program and, under direction of project supervisor, communicate with certified partners (primarily via email) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update the History Team’s Certification Workflow spreadsheet</li> </ul>	

- Determine what kind of assistance partners might need from the National Trails office—for example, certification certificate, trail interpretive materials, interpretive signage, site ID's, etc.
- Identify new partnership certification opportunities along the trails
- Pass these findings along to the History Team
- Under direction of project supervisor, communicate with the Bureau of Land Management regarding partnership certifications along the two National Historic Trails administered jointly by the NPS and BLM (El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro NHT and the Old Spanish NHT)
- Coordinate and/or assist with follow-up activities with trails staff, such as emailing digital certificates, mailing of trails materials, etc.
- Travel to nearby certified sites to meet with partners, COVID permitting

Work products will include:

- Detailed reports of correspondence with partners, including summaries of needs/wants
- Updated information in centralized certification tracking spreadsheet—for example, new points of contact/new contact information
- Short summaries of potential certified sites along one of the four trails mentioned above, including historical association with the trail(s)

Outcomes:

- Help the public experience the National Historic Trails, both in the US and in Mexico
- Assist trail staff and partners with coordinating binational data sharing efforts
- Help certified partners identify needed assistance from the National Trails office
- Cultivate an ongoing dialogue between the National Trails office and certified partners across the United States
- Provide History Team with a list of potential certified sites along the trails previously mentioned

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

#### **COVID ACCOMMODATIONS**

Yes

#### **LEARNING GOALS**

- Training in an essential aspect of public history: collaboration between organizations and individuals to highlight unique resources on both public and private land
- New knowledge of historical themes throughout the southwestern United States and Mexico

- Experience interacting with professionals in museums, archives, local/state/national parks, historic sites, and more
- Orientation to the unique world of national trail administration (which is much different than traditional national parks)
- Practice writing short historical summaries for general audiences, another key component of public history

### MENTORING

The History Team will provide consistent oversight through weekly-check ins. The intern will also meet briefly with other teams in the office—Visitor Use, Experience, and Engagement; Resource Information Management; Cultural Resource Management; and Administration—to learn more about other types of careers within the National Park Service. The intern will be in contact with museum professionals, local parks and recreation departments, public land managers, and all kinds of other people; this will provide wide exposure and networking possibilities for the intern. The History Team will also work to orient the intern within the larger historical contexts of each trail, allowing them to gain expertise in borderlands history

### PROJECT RESULTS

n/a (position is for LHIP Traditional Internship only)

### LEADERSHIP

n/a (position is for LHIP Traditional Internship only)

### DHA-RAI OUTCOMES

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### NATURAL & PHYSICAL WORK ENVIRONMENT

**Physical Work Environment:** Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, have a large Latino population and neighborhoods. The University of New Mexico is a Hispanic-serving institution. Depending on where the intern resides, there is easy access to grocery stores, restaurants, gyms, etc. There are two trails offices located on the university campus. The trails headquarters are located in Santa Fe; the intern might work there occasionally or attend meetings.

The elevation mean in New Mexico is 5,700 feet. During the summer, temperatures range from lows in the 60's to highs in the 90s.

**Work Environment:** National Trails hosts interns throughout the year, including over the summer. Most work will be accomplished in an office setting, working mostly from a computer. Some library research might be required. Visits to local trail sites are expected, COVID permitting. Most of these sites are in developed, urban areas but some might require some light hiking/walking.

### VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Yes, a valid license is required; personal vehicle a plus. It is possible the intern will be driving to visit trail sites or to attend staff meetings

