



HISTORIC MOON-RANDOLPH HOMESTEAD 2020 SUMMER INTERN POSITION

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Located in the Rattlesnake foothills, less than two miles from downtown Missoula, MT, history and culture intertwine at one of the region's oldest intact ranches (ca. 1880s). The City of Missoula purchased the 470-acre Randolph property in 1996 to preserve open space for animals, plants and people. The ranch, situated in the northwest corner of the property, had been continuously cultivated for over 100 years by the Moon and Randolph families, and gradually drew the attention of curious and concerned citizens. In 1998 the [North Missoula Community Development Corporation](#) (NMCDC) sponsored a community campaign to preserve the Homestead, creating the Hill and Homestead Preservation Coalition (HHPC). Since 2000, Missoula Parks and Recreation has managed the site through a cooperative agreement with NMCDC. The property was listed as a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places in 2010, with 26 contributing buildings. In 2015, Missoula City Council approved a new [Strategic Plan](#) for the Homestead.

The Moon-Randolph Homestead is unique from other museums, parks, open spaces, or places of recreation. It represents a delicate relationship between the built and non-built environment as a working agricultural site with hiking trails and summer camps. With the interplay of layered use within such a storied landscape, interpretation at the Homestead is an active and participatory process; less a period historical display or set of descriptive plaques. The power to collectively engage, inspire and connect to this place is, above all else, what makes the Homestead an invaluable and cherished resource within the intermountain West, and more specifically, Missoula.

2020 SUMMER INTERN POSITION DESCRIPTION

The City of Missoula and the NMCDC seek one curatorial intern to provide support for the continued interpretation, preservation and outreach for the Moon-Randolph Homestead Historic District. This position will be exposed to the many facets of a community-based historic preservation program; organizing and archiving artifacts, creating and installing interpretive displays, outreach and tour leading, and some hands-on carpentry and maintenance.

The intern will work in a collaborative setting through a partnership consisting of municipal agencies, Missoula City Parks & Recreation – Conservation Lands Management, City Planning - Historic Preservation Office, and the NMCDC, a nonprofit devoted to community development, and will work with an enthusiastic staff of preservation and conservation professionals.

PRIMARY DUTIES

- Aid in archiving and organizing historic material and artifacts
- Assist in curating meaningful displays
- Assist the Moon-Randolph Caretakers in planning and leading community tours

ANCILLARY DUTIES

- Attend Homestead Steering Committee meetings, Historic Preservation Commission meetings, and other agency meetings as appropriate
- Assist with summer camps and hosting fundraising and volunteer events, as needed
- Aid in daily Homestead duties such as maintaining the historic fruit orchard and garden, caring for Homestead livestock and other related tasks as needed

QUALIFICATIONS

- Currently enrolled in, or having recently graduated from a university program with an emphasis in historic preservation, history, architectural history, archeology, anthropology or a closely related field
- Experience in curation, archiving, handling of artifacts and delicate documents, interpretation and museum studies
- Strong writing skills and ability to interpret historic meaning and relevancy to the public
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills, the ability to participate successfully as a member of team-based environment, work with and educate the public, and work independently
- Self-starter with a demonstrated willingness to take initiative and follow-through
- Applicant should be comfortable around children and livestock
- Applicant should be comfortable working in a rural and natural setting, and must have the ability to perform some physical labor and hike up and down hills as needed
- Some familiarity of western settlement, vernacular architecture and historic preservation process is preferred but not required

SUPERVISION

Position will work with caretakers who live on-site

DETAILS: \$2000 stipend for 180 hours of work

SERVICE DATES: 6/1/20 – mid August (some flexibility to accommodate college schedules and hours per week)

HOW TO APPLY: Email a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, contact information for two professional or academic references, as well as any questions to Caroline Stephens at moonrandolph@gmail.com. Please explain your interest in the position, describe your educational background and work history, and discuss your qualifications for this internship.

APPLY BY MARCH 20, 2020