Summer 2023 PA Humanities Communications and/or Research Fellow

PA Humanities is a fast-paced, high impact organization that works closely with communities across the state to put the humanities into action to create positive change. We are connectors and hands-on innovators who help bring Pennsylvania’s creative and dynamic projects to life. We are a leading voice for the cultural sector and dedicated to putting people first, innovating and growing, sharing tools and building networks.

What are some things a PA Humanities intern might do?

- Connect with people and organizations across the state and amplify their work
- Create and disseminate marketing materials such as blog posts, social media, etc.
- Conduct market research and analysis to increase engagement
- Support the work of core programs and new major projects like Rain Poetry, Voices of History, Purple Couch Tour, and the 50th anniversary campaign
- Find foundation and individual donor prospects that would like to support us
- Write appeals, attend events, and help us engage past and present supporters

Why choose PA Humanities?

- Build your resume with new skills and experiences at a statewide nonprofit organization leading an engaging portfolio of programs and projects
- Be part of a supportive community that works to ensure that your internship is a beneficial learning experience
- Learn how nonprofit organizations operate, communicate, and raise the funds

Who we’re looking for

- A humanities-loving self-starter who can work both independently and as a team
- Someone with a positive, can-do attitude that sees challenges as learning opportunities
- Strong communications skills, both written and oral
- Familiarity with social media, Excel, photo/video editing, Wordpress, etc. a big plus

More details

- 10 week internship held during the summer of 2023. Start and end dates are flexible and can accommodate summer vacations as long as all 10 weeks are completed.
- This is a hybrid position: Monday, Thursday, and Friday are virtual; Tuesday and Wednesday are in-person at our offices at 230 South Broad Street, Suite 403 Philadelphia, PA 19102.
- Must be fully vaccinated (and current with boosters) against COVID-19. Proof of vaccination required by the first day of work. Reasonable accommodations will be considered for those with qualifying medical or religious exemptions.
- PA Humanities will provide any technical resources needed for the position
Past Haverford College intern experiences:

- Edna Creelman HC ‘23: “Yes, I really interned at PHC during a global pandemic”
- Fatema Mun HC ‘25: “The humanities: everywhere and anywhere”

About PA Humanities (link)
We are one of 56 humanities councils across the country; supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities, foundations, and donors.

- We partner with communities to make positive change through civic engagement, creating spaces that bridge political divides where everybody belongs and can find common ground, speak their truth, and work together for collective action
- Our work puts people first, celebrates the diversity of our incredible state, and creates forums/opportunities for meaningful dialogue and learning that leads to action
- We are a voice for PA’s cultural sector; building networks, conducting research, and sharing resources statewide

What we do (programs/projects):

- **PA Heart & Soul:** (link)
  - Approach to community planning using resident stories and conversations to spark collective decision-making and action.
- **Teen Reading Lounge:** (link)
  - Youth-led, nontraditional “book club” that builds skills in leadership, civic engagement, public speaking, relationship building and empathy.
- **Chester Made:** (link)
  - A humanities-based initiative celebrating arts and culture in Chester. Conducted city-wide digital storytelling project.
- **PA SHARP (Sustaining the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan)** (link)
  - Recovery and relief program; $1.4m awarded to 92 grantees
  - Grantee examples:
    - Little Lake Theatre Company
    - Nueva Esperanza
    - Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Center
- **We Are Here - Keystone Edge podcast** (link)
  - “Podcast and story series all about Pennsylvanians making their mark”
  - Recent episode: Taller Puertorriqueño/Three Aksha (Philadelphia)

Current Research:

- **Humanities in Action: A National Perspective** (link)
  - Examines how the humanities are contributing to civic engagement, creative placemaking, and community development.
- **PA Humanities Discovery Project** (link)
  - Effort to map, network, and celebrate the rich humanities landscape. Seeks to learn more about this broader cultural sector and build a more inclusive community.

Questions?

- Contact Brian Thomas via email to bthomas@pahumanities.org.