POSITION DESCRIPTION

TITLE: Predoctoral Fellow from Duke University

SUMMARY: The American Historical Association (AHA) invites a Duke University predoctoral fellow for the summer of 2020 to work with the AHA’s Academic and Professional Affairs staff on collecting data on history PhDs and related projects. The Fellow would report to the AHA’s Director of Academic and Professional Affairs.

Working for 19.9 hours per week over 12 weeks, the fellow would gain valuable Career Diversity experience, which will aid them in a career as faculty or outside the academy. In particular, the fellow will increase quantitative literacy and gain experience with collaboration by working on data projects, improve communication and digital literacy skills in drafting announcements and descriptions of these projects for AHA outlets, and intellectual self-confidence by learning new skills and gaining an introduction to the culture and processes of a non-profit organization.

The American Historical Association is the largest professional organization serving historians in all fields and all professions. The AHA has become a trusted voice for history education, the professional work of historians, and the critical role of historical thinking in public life. Learn more about our work on behalf of the entire discipline at www.historians.org.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES/ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

• Work closely with the AHA’s institutional research coordinator to update Where Historians Work, the largest discipline-specific online database of PhD career outcomes, and the 2004 “Bender report” on the status of doctoral education in history. Work includes designing and deploying survey instruments, analyzing results, and implementing long-term strategies for data collection and management.
  o The fellow will assist in evaluating the visualizations produced in 2017 and conduct a version of web-scraping research to add new individuals to the database.
  o Assist in creating and deploying an updated survey on the status of doctoral education in history.
  o Contribute content for the AHA’s website and social media outlets, such as posts, articles or podcasts on AHA data efforts.
• Attend regular meetings of AHA staff and assist on other projects as appropriate and needed.