Study the Humanities Internship

National Humanities Alliance
Washington, D.C.

Who we are:

The National Humanities Alliance (NHA) is a nationwide coalition of organizations advocating for the humanities on campuses, in communities, and on Capitol Hill. Founded in 1981, NHA is supported by over 200 member organizations, including: colleges, universities, libraries, museums, cultural organizations, state humanities councils, and scholarly, professional, and higher education associations. It is the only organization that brings together the U.S. humanities community as a whole.

What we do:

- Cultivate support for federal funding for the humanities.
- Promote the public value of the humanities.
- Promote the value of studying the humanities.
- Convene the humanities community to explore best practices for advocating for the humanities on campus, in communities, and on Capitol Hill.

As a part of NHA’s ongoing work to promote the public value of the humanities, we seek an intern to work on a podcast project as part of the Study the Humanities initiative, which is supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Study the Humanities serves to strengthen humanities recruitment efforts across the country. There are three key components of the initiative:

- Researching effective recruitment strategies and developing resources that showcase the range of approaches
- Aggregating existing data and articles into a toolkit that presents six arguments for studying the humanities as an undergraduate
- Convening the community of faculty and administrators committed to attracting more undergraduates to the humanities

We are looking for an intern to help launch a podcast that will share stories that illustrate the personal and professional value of studying the humanities for diverse individuals in a wide variety of career fields and contexts.

Who you are:

- A graduate student in the humanities who is passionate about the value of undergraduate humanities education
− Interested in learning about how humanities education is useful in a wide variety of career fields
− Either experienced conducting interviews or able to tell us why your experience in other areas is relevant to conducting interviews
− Able to work remotely
− A self-starter who enjoys creative and collaborative work
− Someone who enjoys crafting personal stories to support “big picture” arguments

What you will do at NHA:

The Study the Humanities intern will work with the Project Director, NHA executive leadership, and an experienced podcast producer to develop content for a season of thematically organized podcasts that illuminate the personal and professional value of humanities education.

Activities may include:

− With Project Director, hone outlines for the overall season and individual episodes to make a persuasive case for the professional and personal value of humanities education. Fleshing out aesthetic vision and marketing strategy to reach target audiences
− With Project Director, conduct research and outreach to develop a list of interview targets that represent a wide variety of humanities disciplines, career fields, phases of life, and personal backgrounds.
− Conduct and record interviews with prospective “characters” regarding how their humanities education prepared them for important challenges in their lives and careers.
− Help compile episodes from recorded interviews, which may involve:
  ○ Selecting and editing recorded interviews
  ○ Conducting research to connect stories to broader trends
  ○ Producing content to highlight important themes
− Participate in staff meetings via Zoom.
− Perform other duties relevant to the work of a higher education association, as assigned.

Hours:

20 hours per week

Duration:

Summer 2020

Salary:

Unpaid; NHA will perform all reporting necessary for the intern to obtain credit and university funding.
Inquiries:

Inquiries should be directed to the *Study the Humanities* Project Director, Scott Muir (smuir@nhalliance.org).