

*George Washington's*

# MOUNT VERNON

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## **Historical Archaeology Internships at Mount Vernon**

George Washington's Mount Vernon announces paid internships in historical archaeology. Mount Vernon's internships provide an opportunity for intensive archaeological fieldwork in a research-oriented setting with a strong emphasis on direct interaction with museum visitors.

- A 10-week program, June 2 - August 8, 2008, is intended for advanced undergraduates and graduate students who have had a field school or formal field training in archaeology.

- A 7-month track, June 2 – December 19, allows recent graduates to gain additional experience supervising historical archaeology fieldwork.

Mount Vernon is a historic site museum located near Washington, DC. Its mission is to interpret the life of the first president within the context of his home and plantation. The 2008 excavation will focus on the Upper, or Flower Garden which will undergo a major renovation, based in part on our archaeological discoveries. The Garden was planned by George Washington during his 1775 redesign of the Mount Vernon landscape, transforming a c. 1760 garden into an elliptical formal space. The archaeological fieldwork is designed to aid in the interpretation of both garden beds and pathways, and to explore and document the transformation of the landscape from the earliest garden through the modern interpretive garden.

The intern program is designed to provide the opportunity to develop supervisory skills and explore how fieldwork evolves into archaeological interpretation. Interns will supervise volunteers and participate as members of the archaeological staff. They will interpret the ongoing excavation for the public, both on-site and through posts to the Mount Vernon website.

Field experience will be augmented by lab work, lectures, discussions, and readings on topics relevant to Chesapeake archaeology and history, landscape history, historic preservation, and public archaeology. Trips to area sites will also be taken. Applicants should be in good physical condition and aware that the internship primarily involves long hours of digging in hot, humid, and dirty conditions. Participants will receive a competitive stipend and assistance in securing local housing.

Applicants should submit a resume, names of two references and cover letter, including a statement detailing interest in this program, archaeological experience and specifying the

preferred track (10 week or 7 month). Deadline is March 28, 2008. Selection will be made by April 11, 2008.

Please send applications to Esther White, [ewhite@mountvernon.org](mailto:ewhite@mountvernon.org).

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