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HUMANITIES INSTITUTE

Call for Mellon Summer Intern–Oral Histories

The Humanities Institute is offering an exciting new opportunity in its *Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project*, a multi-year effort to collect and record personal food narratives from a wide and diverse network of Bronx community gardeners and urban farmers. Their stories and cultural traditions around growing and preparing food will be archived and made accessible to the local community and the wider public.

Internship Opportunity: To coordinate the *Bronx Foodways Oral Histories Project*, the Humanities Institute is pleased to offer a *Mellon Summer Internship* for a currently-enrolled graduate student with knowledge of and experience in Oral History Best Practices.

Job Description:

The successful candidate will be a graduate student with experience in Oral History methodologies and a basic understanding or interest in foodways and Food Studies.

Under the supervision of the Research Director of the Humanities Institute, the Mellon Summer Intern will work with NYBG staff and *Bronx Green-Up* team to produce, conduct and video record one-on-one oral history interviews outdoors, at community gardens and urban farms. The interviews and all their components (audio, transcriptions, and photos) will be edited and curated by the Mellon Summer Intern and shared publicly on an accessible community archive. Elements from collections in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library may be used for additional historical context.

The candidate should have demonstrated experience with community-based projects involving communities from diverse cultural backgrounds. Strong interpersonal skills will come into play in recruiting subjects for interviews and dealing with potentially sensitive cultural information. The required background in oral history methodologies may include coursework or a degree in Food Studies, Anthropology, or Sociology.

Eligibility: Graduate students who at the time of application are actively enrolled in a masters or doctoral program and have oral histories experience. Students from diverse backgrounds, ethnicities and underrepresented communities are strongly encouraged to apply.

Period of Internship: Four- to Five months/16 weeks (480 hours total). This summer internship runs in the period from mid-May to mid-October, 2022, and is scheduled to fit the candidate's individual needs, in consultation with the Research Director of the Humanities Institute.

Stipend:

\$12,000 (twelve thousand US dollars).

How to apply:

The application must be submitted electronically by **March 25, 2022**, to:

[Humanities Institute Secured FileShare](#)

Applications should include:

- Complete curriculum vitae of education, professional experience, and awards.
- Copy of Graduate transcripts (electronic copies will be accepted).
- A letter of recommendation (optional) to be sent by the recommenders directly to [Humanities Institute Secured FileShare](#)

Deadline:

The deadline for all job application materials is March 25, 2022.

Any questions related to the position should be directed to hifellows@nybg.org

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