



Curatorial Internship 2007

Scotty's Castle is an historic house museum located in northern Death Valley National Park. The castle was built in the 1920's using the money of Chicago millionaire Albert Johnson and promoted by erstwhile 'miner,' storyteller and publicity hound, Death Valley Scotty. The house and all of the custom-designed and antique furnishings, as well as the beautiful interior carved redwood beams, custom-made tiles and intricate iron work are all original to the time period and their conservation needs require special attention. Preservation and conservation are complicated by the fact that visitors access the house each day on ranger-guided tours of the interior and basement.

Internship: Our curatorial internship program is designed to provide interns with valuable curatorial experience while also providing Scotty's Castle with much-needed annual preservation maintenance and monitoring. Interns will use curatorial techniques to assist with several projects:

- Historic housekeeping
- Specialized cleaning of textiles, Native American baskets, European antiques, etc.
- Inventory of museum collections
- Assist in the implementing storage upgrades of archives or historic objects.

The internship may require working on or around scaffolding or on ladders, lifting heavy or delicate objects as part of a team, the ability to bend and work on hands and knees, and the ability to work in somewhat confined spaces. Our interns work as a team in their project assignments under the direction of experienced museum staff members. **This internship is an excellent opportunity for an intensive experience in museum curatorial techniques with a strong emphasis in collections preservation and maintenance.**

Number of Positions: 5

Duration: Internship will last five weeks beginning June 4 and finishing July 6, 2007.

Stipend and Housing: Interns will be paid a living stipend of \$7.50/hour and will work the equivalent of five, 40 hour weeks. Shared housing (dormitory style) will be provided in the park. As interns will be living far from the nearest community with grocery store, having a personal vehicle is **highly** recommended. Community amenities include exercise room, volleyball court and swimming pool.

College Credit: Death Valley National Park is more than willing to work with students, faculty and collegiate departments to assist interns in receiving credit for their internship.

How to Apply: Send resume or CV along with the names and phone numbers of three references to Scotty's Castle Internship Program, PO Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328. Electronic versions will also be accepted (MS Word or .pdf files) to one of the email addresses below. For more information about the internship, please contact Jay Snow at 760/786-2392x223 Jay_Snow@nps.gov or Rick Kendall at 760/786-2392x225 Rick_Kendall@nps.gov. website: <http://www.nps.gov/deva/historyculture/scottys-castle.htm>

Application Deadline: All applications must be received by April 23, 2007.