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Climate Change and Historic Preservation Policy Statement



MEETING
PRESERVATION INITIATIVES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, February 22, 2023
3 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EST

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://achp.zoomgov.com/j/1611379815?pwd=Nnk5SVVEWXkwS1IyNjNRaGs2RXEydz09>

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE Office of Preservation Initiatives

The ACHP has had a formal internship program since 2013; prior to that date, the ACHP hosted interns on an ad hoc basis. The ACHP also participates in the Virtual Student Federal Service program (which is managed by the Department of State) and hosts externs through a program run by Rutgers University. To further expand the ACHP's options for engaging students, Chair Sara Bronin has asked the staff to implement a new internship track to recruit interns who will work under her direct oversight.

ACHP Chair's Interns. The new category of ACHP interns—Chair's Interns—will be recruited using the same intern outreach avenues currently in use. These include posting on the ACHP website and social media, listing openings in preservation directories, and proactive outreach to schools with historic preservation and allied programs and other relevant organizations. The ACHP chair will develop projects for Chair's Interns, in consultation with staff, and successful candidates will be selected and supervised by the ACHP chair. This category of interns will be unpaid but will receive academic credit from their colleges/universities. Other internships sponsored by the ACHP will continue to be paid positions and will henceforth be known as ACHP Program Interns.

Spring Internship. This spring, the Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) is hosting a Program Intern, Tarin Jones from the Pratt Institute, who will be collecting and analyzing curricula and other information to assess the level of discussion regarding the Section 106 process in undergraduate and graduate programs. He will be making recommendations about increasing that exposure and improving interest in Section 106 careers as part of the ACHP's current workforce initiative. The ACHP Foundations supports his stipend.

Summer Internships. Recruitment for summer ACHP Program Interns is underway. The Office of General Counsel is seeking a law student to research case law and agency policy and practice to explore and assess claims of "sufficiency" of mitigation in the Section 106 review process. OFAP is looking for an intern to support improving the Section 106 Essentials classroom course and improving existing webinars and eLearning courses to better reach university-level students. The Office of Communications, Education, and Outreach is seeking an intern to research and develop materials highlighting the importance of historic preservation for all Americans, including engagement with a wide range of communities, organizations, and educational institutions representing more diverse audiences. The ACHP Foundation supports these paid internships.

The call for applications for the first cohort of Chair's Interns focuses on finding interns to work on three projects. A survey of tribal historic preservation ordinances will be undertaken to better inform how the ACHP markets, supports, and improves the process (under Section 101(d)(5) of the NHPA) of entering into agreements with Indian tribes to substitute tribal preservation ordinances for the ACHP's regulations.

Another proposed project is researching the percentage of known historic properties that were identified solely as a result of a Section 106 review to help the ACHP gauge how much the Section 106 process furthers understanding of the range of historic properties. The third project will entail research into wildfire impacts on historic properties to help provide a baseline for determining gaps in current

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knowledge and guidance on the topic, identifying case studies and best practices, and providing information to assist in future policy and program discussions.

Action Needed. This summary provides an update on the ACHP internship program and creation of the new category of Chair's Interns. No specific action is needed at this time.

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