



Historical Society of Long Beach

Archives Intern

Hours: 100 hours over the course of the Spring semester, unpaid

Archives Internship Description: The Archives Intern will primarily work on the Historical Society of Long Beach's (HSLB) Redevelopment Agency collection of slides and images. Interns will learn about photographic images, and paper-based collections and how to use Pastperfect database. The intern will create catalog records for our Redevelopment Agency collection of slides and images. The intern will also update database records for items that will be relocated during the project.

About the HSLB's Redevelopment Agency Collection: In 1961, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) began targeting "blighted" areas of the City of Long Beach, and scheduling the demolition of buildings south of Ocean Boulevard in "The Jungle." Soon redevelopment expanded and led to the demolition of many older buildings and new developments throughout the City. There is no other organized source of information and images from this era of the demolished buildings; these are the City's official records. Fortunately, the agency produced high quality photographic records of many of their projects. HSLB plans to make these records available to researchers, planners, historians and others who want to understand the RDA's impact on Long Beach. By the time the state ended the program in 2016, the local RDA controlled 17,068 acres, 40% of the City's area. The collection contains 34,000 slides and hundreds of aerial photographs. We have been processing the collection since April and the intern would help complete the project.

Required Qualifications:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Upper division undergraduate, or graduate students
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0, and a 3.5 GPA or higher in field of study/major

Desired Qualifications: An interest in local history and or interest in library studies or archives

Semesters Offered

- Fall (August – January)
- Spring (January – May)
- Summer (May – August)
- Ongoing/year round

Historical Society of Long Beach Description

The HSLB collects, preserves and presents local history. Through historical collections, exhibitions, and programs we connect people to the past and to the place they live. We present an inclusive community narrative and help create greater understanding of our neighborhoods, the city and its place in the larger world. We feature rotating exhibitions, accommodate researchers, and house archival materials at 4260 Atlantic Ave in Long Beach. The HSLB has a small team of paid staff, and many volunteers.

Application Process: Submit a resume and cover letter. Please email application materials to JulieB@hslb.org. All CSUDH students regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability who meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.