



Historical Society
of Long Beach

Women's History Research Internship at Rancho Los Alamitos & Historical Society of Long Beach

The City of Long Beach and local cultural and educational organizations will embrace a centennial celebration of woman's suffrage in 2020. Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens (RLA) and the Historical Society of Long Beach (HSLB) intend to participate in contemporary discourses of women's rights and roles. In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in the U.S. RLA and HSLB are teaming up and conducting research to highlight how some women experienced life in California during the time of the Women's Suffrage movement(s). Rancho Los Alamitos will create a public interpretive program, and the Historical Society of Long Beach will mount an exhibition that opens in August 2020.

Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Rancho & Gardens and Historical Society of Long Beach seek college students to engage in ongoing, collaborative research from January through December 2020. This research will explore oral histories, family publications, ephemera, and other primary and secondary resources. It will identify themes for interpretation at Rancho Los Alamitos and in the Historical Society of Long Beach's exhibition. Findings will contribute to the development of an interpretive narrative, educational programming, and an exhibition at HSLB. These vehicles will tell a story about how some local women experienced their rights and responsibilities at a pivotal historical moment.

In addition to the research project outlined above, Rancho Los Alamitos has teamed with LB Suffrage 100 and the Historical Society of Long Beach to collaborate on regional interpretations and programs. Interns may additionally be involved in a larger body of research that highlights a diverse and remarkable range of women who helped shape the City of Long Beach throughout history. Learn more about the collaborative project at LBSuffrage100.com and HSLB.org.

Women's History Research Interns

Three student interns will be selected to conduct research and data analyses from January through December 2020. Interns are expected to

- attend bi-weekly Research Group meetings,
- collaborate on research,
- contribute to the completion of the interpretive narratives, and
- help develop an educational program that will be presented on or after August 2020.



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Students are further expected to

- submit hard and digital copies of all work completed,
- write a final report about their project including works cited, and
- contribute to the final educational presentation(s).

RLA and HSLB will honor and incorporate the requirements of academic, faculty, and internship supervisors as necessary.

Applicants should be junior or senior undergraduate students or graduate students, with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 and a 3.5 GPA or higher in their field of study/major. Applicants may come from any College or Department as long as their research interests meet the needs and requirements of RLA and HSLB. However, a keen interest in local and women's history is preferred.

[Archives Research Intern](#)

The internship will focus on researching, coding, and analyzing materials from the RLA archives, to learn more about local women's experiences and activities during the historical period of women's suffrage. Research materials will include oral histories, family publications, and other primary and secondary resources, which allow for viewing the era from the perspective of RLA historic resources. All resources accessed will be indexed (coded) and abstracted for future use and will be included in the analyses and development of interpretation and public programming.

[Research & Cataloging Intern](#)

The internship is focused on researching the roles of various local women's clubs in the movement to pass women's suffrage in California in 1911 and the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Historical Society of Long Beach has historical collections from the YWCA, American Association of University Women, Ebell Club, the Women's City Club, among others. Students will read, catalog, analyze, and write about what they find in these collections.

[Biographical Intern](#)

This internship student will research and write about six or more local women who were influential in the City of Long Beach. The intern will utilize collections at HSLB, RLA, and other sources to write short biographies of several women, including suffragist Cora Morgan, Deborah Bixby Green, Suzanna Bixby Bryant, and Mrs. Lydia Shinkle. Biographies will contribute to the narratives and interpretations at both RLA and HSLB, and in the HSLB's exhibition.



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[About Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens](#)

The Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation (RLAF) operates Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens in a public-private partnership with the City of Long Beach. The 7.5-acre historic resource comprises the ranch house (constructed c. 1800-1933), four acres of nationally significant gardens, a barnyard area, visitor center, and research archive. The site has been continuously occupied, and the land used for more than 1,500 years. The history of the site, as well as the lives of its owners and occupants, make it a perfect metaphor for the southern California experience. Rancho Los Alamitos explores the interaction between people and place, culture and environment, past and present, to create a greater understanding of the evolution of Southern California in relation to the state, the nation, and the world.

[About Historical Society of Long Beach](#)

The Historical Society of Long Beach (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 a 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.

[Application Instructions](#)

Student applications should include a bio referencing their area(s) of interest and a Statement of Purpose. They should include any related work or a C.V.

Students will be selected by or before February 1st for work commencing immediately.

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