

## **Museum Collections Internship: Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH)**

The OCMH Museum Collections Intern will be excited by the history of this period, the social practices of 19th century utopians, and the intersections of agrarian and industrial society. Under the direction of the Curator of Collections, this intern will be responsible for sorting, inventorying, and possibly re-housing a collection of silverware displays, pattern books, and related documentation from Oneida Ltd. for inclusion in the Oneida Community Mansion House collection and preparation for exhibition display. The intern will conduct research on industry, particularly, silverware manufacturing, in the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. They will use this research and their experiential knowledge of the collection to design an exhibit of this material.

The OCMH does not offer stipends at this time; however, our institution is happy to work with students who are applying through their accredited college or university to obtain credit for this unique experiential learning opportunity. OCMH can provide housing for the duration of the internship.

The OCMH is a 19th century National Historic Landmark built by and for the utopian socialist Oneida Community in central New York State. OCMH comprises 93,000 square feet of interior space sited on over 200 acres of landscaped grounds. The Mansion House includes exhibits, period rooms, a library, and continues to provide lodging and residential housing. OCMH conducts programming and sponsors research on 19th and early 20th century society and themes, such as communitarianism, gender, class, childhood, agriculture, industrialization, artistic expression, and craft work.

### **Requirements**

- Commitment to a ten week internship program, June 4 – Aug. 10, 2018 (start and end dates are flexible), which comprises working four days a week, approx. 9:00 AM to 5:00PM (~30 hours/week).
- Undergraduate study of museum studies, history, anthropology, or cognate discipline.
- Basic proficiency in office technology (e.g. MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint). (Experience using PastPerfect museum software is not required, but is helpful.)
- A ready-to-learn attitude, and professional work ethic, punctuality, and reliability.
- Must be able to climb stairs and to lift 40 lbs.
- A laptop is not required, but is desirable.
- Academic credit is to be determined by student's university. Preference is given to learning internships in which the intern receives course credit, but other internship opportunities are also considered.

### **Application Process**

Review of applicants will begin immediately.

Send completed application **by May 4, 2018** to Abigail Lawton, Curator of Collections, Oneida Community Mansion House, 170 Kenwood Avenue, Oneida, NY 13421 USA or [alawton@oneidacommunity.org](mailto:alawton@oneidacommunity.org).

Submit a cover letter (explaining personal interests and qualifications, reasons for wanting to work at the OCMH, and desired learning outcomes), one-page resume, and contact information for two references *or* a faculty sponsor letter.

For more information on the OCMH, see: <http://www.oneidacommunity.org/>, or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Oneida-Community-Mansion-House-105994516110884/>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/OCMH1848>).

After reviewing application materials, and careful consideration of student's interests, education, and experience the OCMH will arrange an interview between the potential intern and the Curator of Collections and Registrar.