

# Smithsonian National Museum of American History

Spring 2020

## Description

The Office of Special Events at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History plans and coordinates over 150 events each year including: exhibition openings, donation ceremonies, staff receptions, donor cultivation events, corporate dinners and receptions, and social events. This internship offers an unparalleled opportunity for students interested in event planning and coordinating to delve into the museum environment and gain hands-on skills from a highly esteemed workplace. Their interns are given a great deal of responsibility and permitted the chance to develop their writing skills, interact with museum officials, work with caterers and vendors, and staff numerous special events.

## Past Special Event Interns have gone on to work at the following:

- Convene Conference Centers
- Design Foundry
- Hyatt Hotels
- The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
- National Museum of African American History and Culture
- National Museum of American History
- National Museum of the American Indian
- National Museum of Women in the Arts
- Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
- Smithsonian American Art Museum
- Washington Nationals (MLB)

## Intern Testimonials:

**Abby S.** (Student at Indiana University): My experience as an intern with the Special Events team at the National Museum of American History exceeded all expectations! I was able to gain exceptional event planning skills through helpful guidance and the countless hands on learning opportunities. I was also able to strengthen my problem solving and collaboration skills through diverse projects and events.

**Andrew R.** (Student at Massachusetts College of Art and Design): This internship allowed me to develop professional skills through a hands-on environment and see a vast array of events go from concept to reality. The staff were extremely knowledgeable and went above and beyond to make sure the internship was well rounded and a valuable experience. I could not imagine a better way to spend a summer.

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