



Museum Education Internship: Religious Studies

Hancock Shaker Village Summer Internship Program 2026

We are looking for an intellectually curious and thoughtful intern, with an interest in religious studies/history, to join the Education Department staff and volunteer interpreters as we share the Shakers' history, beliefs, and continuing relevance with visitors.

As an intern in our department, you will gain valuable experience in public speaking and interpretation (both formal and informal), historical research, visitor services, and program planning. With your religious studies/history focus, you will be able to explore more deeply the opportunities and challenges of discussing and interpreting religion in a public, multicultural environment.

Your internship will have three major components:

- 1) working as an interpreter (staffing historic buildings and giving public talks) alongside seasoned staff to support daily public programming at the Village, particularly programs related to Shaker history and religious practices;
- 2) undertaking an independent project that investigates an aspect of the Shaker religion pertinent to the museum's interpretive goals and that has relevance to the Village's public programming;
- 3) assisting with Summer on the Farm, the Village's summer program for children, to provide engaging, age-appropriate programming about Shaker history.



Qualifications: The ideal candidate for this internship will have at least a general academic foundation in the study of religion; basic historical research skills; demonstrated experience working with people of all ages; excellent communication skills, both oral and written; and demonstrated ability both to take direction and to work independently. The ideal candidate will be open-minded, hardworking, organized, personable, and flexible. Preference given to religious studies, sociology, or history majors with a focus on American studies/religion.

Interested? Visit [Summer Internship Program - Hancock Shaker Village](#) for application instructions.