Lemelson Center Archival Internship, Summer 2015

The Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution, offers a full time, ten week, archival internship opportunity for one graduate student each summer. The internship stipend is $7,000. Housing, benefits and transportation are not provided.

The internship will:

● Enable new professionals to understand, identify, and manage the historical records of American invention and innovation;
● Expose interns to the Museum's rich historical collections in the history of technology and twentieth century material culture;
● Provide hands-on experience with archival collections that document invention and innovation;
● Create EAD finding aids to collections documenting invention and innovation;
● Engage interns in discussion of archival issues and practices and provide a wide range of professional experiences within the Museum.

Internships are located in the Museum's Archives Center, a manuscripts and special collections repository with more than 1,300 collections documenting a wide range of subject areas and a full time staff of nine.

Interns must be enrolled in a graduate degree program and have completed graduate course work in archival, library, or information management, and/or graduate course work in American history, American Studies, Museum Studies, Public History, or another area that relates to the history of invention and innovation in American society. Recent graduates may also apply.

Applicants must apply through the Smithsonian online application system (SOLAA). Complete applications must include the following:

● Internship Program application form
● Undergraduate and graduate transcripts (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
● Cover letter
● Essay
● Two letters of reference

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the Archives Center’s Internship FAQ when completing this application.

All materials must be submitted to the online application system by February 23, 2015 for consideration. Offers will be made by April 6, 2015. Internships begin on or after June 1, 2015.

For further information, consult the FAQ or contact:

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