

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MOUNT ★ VERNON

GEORGE WASHINGTON: ENTREPRENEUR

Historic Trades Internship Application
Due Date: Friday, February 11, 2022

Historic Trades at George Washington's Mount Vernon is accepting applications for the *George Washington: Entrepreneur* summer internship program. With focus on the Farm and George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill, the internship provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to become immersed in 18th century history, agriculture, and industry.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association has maintained the home of George Washington since 1858. Located 16 miles south of Washington, DC, Mount Vernon is the most visited historic home in America and welcomes over one million visitors annually. Situated on the main estate, the Farm is a four acre working farm that interprets Washington's innovation in the promotion of sustainable agriculture. George Washington's Distillery & Gristmill highlights the industrial aspects of Mount Vernon. Located three miles from the main estate, the reconstructed gristmill utilizes waterpower to operate millstones grinding corn and wheat. The gristmill is equipped with an Oliver Evans automated milling system for processing flour. The site also is home to a fully functional reconstruction of Washington's whiskey distillery.

This program is open to undergraduate students who have completed at least one year of college as of June 6, 2022, and will not have graduated as of June 6, 2022. Applicants should be comfortable with public speaking and available during the entire ten week internship period of June 6 through August 12, 2022. Candidates with a background or a keen interest in history are preferred.

This position requires the ability to work outdoors in hot and humid weather; to do rigorous physical activity including demonstrating 18th century farming methods, field work, and milling; to work in a dusty environment; to lift and carry 50 pounds; to work with 18th century tools and implements; to conduct hands-on activities; and to greet and talk with numerous guests of all ages.

All interns will complete a training program in interpretive methodology and historical content. Key topics include 18th century economics and agricultural methods, distilling and milling, and slavery. Upon completion of training, interns will work as full-time Historic Trades interpreters under the direction of the professional interpretive staff. Interns will be expected to work a five day, 40-hour week that will include every other weekend and some evenings. Interns will be expected to wear period clothing, provided by Mount Vernon. In addition, interns will participate in department sponsored field trips to other historic sites and museums in the region. Interns will be required to complete a short research project on George Washington, agriculture, 18th century trades, or related topics. Historic Trades staff will work with colleges and universities to ensure that, if applicable, course credit requirements are met.

This is a paid internship, and interns receive reimbursement for travel expenses to and from Mount Vernon. As employees of Mount Vernon, interns are required to adhere to Mount Vernon's Employee Handbook policies. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination and up-to-date tetanus vaccination will be required before the first day of work.

For more information about the program, please visit
<https://www.mountvernon.org/about/employment/historic-trades-internship/>

The George Washington: Entrepreneur internship is offered through the generous support of foundations honoring Ezra Taft Benson and Russell G. Mawby, and by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

APPLICATION *(please print)*

Name

Campus Mailing Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Home Mailing Address

Street

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Other Phone

Email

Current College or University

Expected Graduation

(Applicants must be undergraduates on 6/6/2022)

Major

Minor

Previous College or University

Years attended

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

I will be at least 18 years of age on 6/6/2022

I certify that all information given on this application is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

VACCINATION

All selected interns will also be required to show proof of vaccination against Covid-19 as well as an up to date tetanus vaccination.

Yes, I understand I will be required to prove I am fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Yes, I understand that I will be required to prove my tetanus vaccination is up to date prior to starting work at Mount Vernon.

Signature

Date

(SUBMIT ONLY THIS PAGE OF THE APPLICATION PACKET WITH YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS)

APPLICANT ESSAY

In essay format, please address the following:

- Your unique or noteworthy qualifications for the George Washington: Entrepreneur internship
- What the George Washington: Entrepreneur internship represents to you
- The importance of preserving George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Why George Washington and his legacy remain relevant and important in the 21st century

This document should be a maximum of two typed, double-spaced pages, and submitted as separate .doc or .pdf file.

RELATED SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

Please list and describe three specific activities or projects relevant to the George Washington: Entrepreneur internship. These may be academic papers you have written or presented; employment or leadership positions you have held; experiences in museums, history interpretation, or living history organizations; work in agricultural settings; public speaking; travel; or other experiences.

This document should be a maximum of one typed, double-spaced page, and submitted as separate .doc or .pdf file.

CHRONOLOGICAL RESUME

Please attach a brief chronological resume, not to exceed two pages, submitted as a .doc or .pdf file.

TRANSCRIPT(S)

Please attach an unofficial transcript as provided by your college or university's registrar's office. Transcripts should include declared major, grades for each course, and cumulative GPA. If you have attended more than one college or university, provide a transcript for each. Generally, transcripts for undergraduates are one page, succinct, and easily read. *Downloads of your grades from your university's web portal or other website are not acceptable.*

Please submit as a .pdf (no .jpgs) to your application.

PROFESSOR RECOMMENDATION

This recommendation should be written by a professor from your major's department. He or she should elaborate on the following questions:

- How would you describe the interest, enthusiasm, and ability of this applicant in his/her major?
- Is he/she able to address groups and/or unfamiliar audiences?
- Do you believe he/she can engage with a varied audience interpreting history, agriculture, etc. at Mount Vernon?

This recommendation should be submitted on university or college letterhead. It can be attached to the application by the applicant or emailed to gwentrepreneur@mountvernon.org in .doc or .pdf format.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION

This recommendation should be written by your faculty advisor, a professor or teacher, an employer, or your supervisor for a volunteer activity. He or she should elaborate on the following questions:

- What are the general abilities of this applicant relative to his/her volunteer activities, academic achievements, and/or employment?
- Which skills or traits do you believe would make this applicant a strong candidate to participate in this internship?

This recommendation should be submitted on university or college letterhead. It can be attached to the application by the applicant or emailed to gwentrepreneur@mountvernon.org in .doc or .pdf format.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application (Submit only page 2 of this application packet as a PDF file)
- Vaccination (Submit only page 2 of this application packet as a PDF file)
- Applicant Essay (submitted as .doc or PDF file)
- Related Skills & Activities (submitted as .doc or PDF file)
- Chronological Resume (submitted as .doc or PDF file)
- Unofficial Transcript(s) (submitted as PDF file)
- Professor Recommendation (submitted by applicant or recommender as .doc or PDF file)
- Additional Recommendation (submitted by applicant or recommender as .doc or PDF file)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Online Submissions

The application and some supporting documents may be submitted through the Mount Vernon Human Resources online employment application program.

This can be found on the employment page at <http://www.mountvernon.org/about/employment/open-positions-at-mount-vernon/> and by clicking the appropriate position opening. Use the “Apply for this Position” button at the bottom of the position description page.

Email Submissions

Please submit the entire application and supporting documents at the same time.

Email to: gwentrepreneur@mountvernon.org

U.S. Mail Submissions

Please submit the entire application and supporting documents as one package. Mail application to:

Sam Murphy, Manager of Historic Trades
George Washington's Mount Vernon
P.O. Box 110
Mount Vernon, VA 22121

All parts of the application must be received by Friday, February 11, 2022.

For more information about the internship, please email gwentrepreneur@mountvernon.org or call Sam Murphy at (703)799-8611.