



Curatorial Internship 2008

Scotty's Castle is an historic house museum located in northern Death Valley National Park. The castle was built in the 1920s using the money of Chicago millionaire Albert Johnson and promoted by erstwhile 'miner,' storyteller and publicity hound, Death Valley Scotty. The conservation of Scotty's Castle, including the home's hand-carved redwood beams, custom-made tiles, original ironwork, custom-made furnishings and antiques, requires special attention. Preservation and conservation are complicated by the fact that visitors access the house daily on ranger-led tours.

Internship: Our curatorial internship program is designed to provide interns with valuable curatorial experience, while also providing Scotty's Castle with much-needed annual preservation maintenance and monitoring. Interns will use curatorial techniques to assist with several projects:

- Historic housekeeping and other cyclic maintenance projects
- Specialized cleaning of textiles, Native American baskets, and European antiques.
- Inventory of museum collections
- Monitoring museum environments and upgrading museum storage

The internship is labor-intensive and requires working on or around scaffolding and/or ladders, lifting heavy or delicate objects as part of a team, the ability to bend and work on hands and knees, and the ability to work in somewhat confined spaces. Our interns work as a team in their project assignments under the direction of experienced museum staff members. **This internship is an excellent opportunity for an intensive experience in museum curatorial techniques with a strong emphasis in collections preservation and maintenance.**

Number of Positions: 5

Duration: Internship will last five weeks beginning June 2 and finishing July 4, 2008.

Stipend and Housing: Interns will be paid \$8/hour and will work the equivalent of five, 40-hour weeks. Shared housing (dormitory style) will be provided at no cost. Interns must commute daily to Scotty's Castle (a one-hour drive); a commuter van is provided at no cost. Interns will be living 60 miles from the nearest community and grocery store. Having a personal vehicle is **highly** recommended. Community amenities include an exercise room and swimming pool.

College Credit: Death Valley National Park is more than willing to work with students, faculty and collegiate departments to assist interns in receiving credit for their internship.

How to Apply: Send resume or CV along with the names and phone numbers of three references to Scotty's Castle Internship Program, PO Box 569, Death Valley, CA 92328. Electronic versions will also be accepted (MS Word or .pdf files) to one of the email addresses below. For more information about the internship, please contact Justin Sochacki at 760/786-2392 ex. 223 (Justin_Sochacki@nps.gov) or Ruth Chan at 760/786-2392 ex. 240 or (Ruth_Chan@nps.gov) The Scotty's Castle website is: <http://www.nps.gov/deva/historyculture/scottys-castle.htm>

Application Deadline: All applications must be received by April 23, 2008.