



"The Danish Immigrant Museum Internship experience is invaluable to the emerging museum professional. Between working on day-to-day museum department projects and your own independent research, the program allows for individual work opportunities as well as creative collaboration with staff. I feel my internship here at the museum has effectively prepared me for a career in museum and non-profit professions."

-Jennifer Fair, American Collections Intern 2009

"Being a Scan|Design Intern is a great way to develop professional and personal skills. The Danish Immigrant Museum allows its Danish interns to explore American culture through conference and museum visits, and to test themselves in an international working environment."

- Ann Christine Brandt
Scan|Design Intern 2009



Interns visiting the John Wayne Birth Place Museum, Iowa



Interns putting up exhibits

Would you like to promote Denmark in the US?

The Danish Immigrant Museum, located in rural western Iowa halfway between Des Moines, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska, is the national repository for artifacts and related materials on Danish immigration to the US and Danish Americana. The Family History and Genealogy Center, the Museum's research library, collects materials in Danish and English on Danish history, immigrants and Danish Americans, their communities, churches, and cultural and social institutions. For more information, visit www.danishmuseum.org

Paid/Unpaid Internship

The Danish Immigrant Museum offers paid and unpaid internships of 3-6 months. The availability of paid internships depends upon the Museum's receipt of a grant from the Scan|Design by Inger and Jens Bruun Foundation of Seattle. A paid Scan|Design Internship may include a 4-6 weeks stay at another Danish-American institution. Danish Interns may apply for the Bodtker Grant offered by The Danish American Heritage Society to help fund research projects. For more information, visit www.danishamericanheritagesociety.org

Not a typical internship

The Museum offers a hands-on learning environment, where interns work as part of a team and complete individual projects. Previous intern projects include translation, website management, exhibit design and installation, genealogy and library management, and updating collections records. The Museum also encourages Danish interns to explore American culture through museum visits, conference and museum events, meetings, etc. Danish interns will also share the housing provided by the Museum with American interns.

Internship positions

Internships are available within these fields:

- Exhibits and Collections
- Library and Genealogy
- Marketing and Development

Internships are designed around program needs, the interests of the individual interns, as well as ongoing museum projects. The internships are open to students who are Danish citizens and currently enrolled in graduate programs at Danish universities or equivalent institutions. Students enrolled in Danish library programs are especially encouraged to apply.

Requirements

- BA level in History or a related field
- good knowledge of English
- excellent organizational and written communication skills
- attention to detail and ability to manage multiple priorities
- good interpersonal and computer skills (including MS Excel)

Optional, but desirable for library interns: the ability to read Gothic Danish print and manuscript materials. Please note: **applicants with driver's license are preferred!**

Application deadlines:

- Spring semester 2012: **October 15, 2011**
- Fall semester 2012: **April 16, 2012**

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