



Call for Applicants: Abuelas Project Phase I Internship

May 12, 2021

Title: Graduate Intern

Anticipated dates of Service: Ten week internship, June-August 2021 (flexible)

Location: Remote

Project Background: Latinos in Heritage Conservation (LHC) will launch the Abuelas Project in Summer 2021 as a multi-year preservation initiative to collect, curate, and amplify stories about places that matter to Latinx communities in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation will support strategic planning efforts through a Texas pilot project (Phase I). Building on recent efforts to conserve Latinx heritage, the digital project as a whole seeks to uncover the social, cultural, and economic connections our communities forge through historic places. It aims to converse with scholarly and technical studies of Latinx history and culture, while elevating everyday voices. It will also encourage intergenerational storytelling using new media, create a clearinghouse for information about Latinx preservation (theme studies, surveys, nominations, etc.), support allied efforts to designate Latinx historic sites, and identify important patterns related to Latinx preservation nationwide.

Position Summary: The graduate intern will work with LHC's Education & Programs Committee and geospatial data consultant to develop a strategic plan for the Abuelas Project using statewide data from Texas, with particular attention to histories and places associated with migrant farmworkers. The intern will support research and data collection, including: identifying program models; inventorying existing Latinx cultural resources studies at the local, state, and national levels; creating a list of project stakeholders, including Latinx heritage organizations; assembling case studies of national historic trails and other examples of designated Latinx cultural landscapes; and creating a project bibliography. The intern will attend monthly committee meetings via Zoom, as well as regular check-ins with the project consultant and committee chair.

Desired Skills, Knowledge, and Education:

- Current graduate student (Master's or Ph.D.) in history, historic preservation, public history, American studies, Chicanx or Latinx studies, planning, architecture, or a related field
- Working knowledge of Texas history and/or Latinx or Chicanx history preferred
- Familiarity with/interest in the digital humanities, including methods of collecting, translating, and categorizing qualitative data
- Experience working in community engagement, outreach, and/or participatory research
- Self-starter with excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills
- Spanish language skills (written/verbal) desired



Compensation: \$20 per hour (estimated 5 hours per week; 50 hours max)

About LHC: Founded in 2014, LHC is the leading nonprofit organization for the preservation of Latinx places, stories, and cultural heritage in the United States. We are a diverse network of intergenerational advocates conserving Latinx sites and living cultures in the fabric of American society, affirming the value of our history in the hemispheric struggle for social justice.

Please submit a cover letter, resume/cv, and short writing sample (under five pages) to latinoheritageconservation@gmail.com by EOD **Friday, May 28, 2021**.