DIGITAL EDUCATION (1 POSITION)
Whitney Plantation – Edgard, Louisiana

Whitney Plantation educates the public about the history and legacies of slavery in the United States.

Position Description:
As part of the Education Department’s ongoing development of distance learning opportunities for learners of all ages, the 360 Tour Gamification Project will focus on developing virtual materials to enhance Whitney Plantation’s self-guided virtual tour. Specifically, opportunities with this program focus on work related to digital humanities: digital imaging, media preservation, digital preservation of personal and community objects, digital content management, collections information management, recording and preserving oral histories, or digital content creation including filmmaking, sound engineering, etc.

Sample of Intern Duties:
- Create games and quizzes related to the Whitney Plantation’s research, tour scripts, and audio tour.
- Create virtual scavenger hunts/escape games related to information learned throughout site tours.
- Implement games and quizzes within the Whitney’s 360 Virtual Tour.
- Create these games/quizzes and scavenger hunt/escape games for differing age levels: 3-5 grade, 6-8 grade, and high school.
- Write instruction manuals for each virtual gamification tour for teachers, including teacher standards.
- Edit and test content within the 360 Tour
- Present 360 Tour to New Orleans teachers and digital humanities students
- Use personal interests related to slavery and/or education to implement into 360 tours, including film, oral histories, interpretation of artifacts, etc.
- Train to use Genially, CloudPano, Topia, Google Classroom, and other software use by public historians and teachers for classroom and general online learning opportunities.

Learning Outcomes:
- Know how to translate complex historical topics into various age-appropriate learning tools, including online and virtual engagement.
- Know how to operate digital tour and game creation tools, including Genially, Topia, CloudPano, Google Classroom, etc.
- Understand the History of Slavery at a Louisiana Sugar Plantation and its legacies and impact.
- Relate historical content to present day social and racial justice issues.
- Know how to create useful learning materials for primarily classroom audiences.
• Understand how to manage projects, meet due dates and expectations, and communicate needs in a business setting.
• A digital portfolio including each digital element created at the Whitney Plantation

Prerequisites:
• Demonstrated interest in African American history and culture
• Valid U.S. driver’s license

Transportation:
• Whitney Plantation is located about an hour outside New Orleans, LA and not accessible by public transportation.
• Additional funding may be available to offset rental car expenses if needed
• Neither NMAAHC nor Whitney Plantation can arrange or fund personal travel expenses directly

Work Environment: Whitney Plantation is located in Edgard, Louisiana. The museum grounds are approximately 50 acres and tours are conducted predominately outside, in all weather conditions. Interpreters conduct tours in all weather conditions, on gravel pathways, in and around historic 18th and 19th century structures. Interns should expect to wear climate-appropriate shoes and work clothing while onsite and working with visitors.

The Education Department is a small, but mighty team that is passionate about sharing the history of slavery in the US with students and teachers. Interns will expected to be in a collaborative environment that is fast-paced but deliberate in crafting programming and experiences that are appropriate for the material and the audience. Interns can also anticipate assisting with Education tours for school age group under the direction of Education staff.

Tentative Schedule:
Starting Between May 22 and June 2, 2023: Monday through Friday 10 am to 3:30 pm
Office Holidays include August 23 recognizing International Day for the Remembrance of Slavery
Occasional weekend days for program support may be required.

COVID-19 Vaccine Requirements:
COVID-19 Vaccine is strongly encouraged but not required.

Eligibility:
Applicants must be authorized to work in the United States. Whitney Plantation is unable to sponsor visas for international applicants.

Success:
Successful interns will be outspoken communicators who like to explore new possibilities for learning outside of traditional boxes while practicing brave inquiry and sharing their passions. Important skills include active listening, easygoingness, willingness to experiment with new ideas or ways of doing things, independently driven, able to find things that inspire across topics/abilities and help translate that into something relevant and useful for their current work.