



The Italian American Museum of Los Angeles seeks qualified undergraduate or graduate students in the fields of History, Art History (or other Social Science), Liberal Arts, Urban Planning, Museum Studies and other relevant areas of study to serve as a **research scholar or collections intern.**

ABOUT THE ITALIAN AMERICAN MUSEUM OF LOS ANGELES (IAMLA)

Italian American Museum of Los Angeles is located in the Italian Hall overlooking Olvera Street in Downtown Los Angeles. Built in 1908, the Italian Hall is listed on the *National Register of Historic Places* and is the oldest remaining structure from Los Angeles' little Italy. Slated to open in 2013, the Italian American Museum of Los Angeles will document the history and ongoing contributions of Italian Americans and Italians in the context of our multi-ethnic nation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project requires the intern/research assistant to conduct research on the history of Italian Americans and Italians in Southern California as well as a variety of other topics in local history. The research will be conducted repositories the Los Angeles area and via internet databases. Intern will also work with the Museum's collection and archive. The work will be partially independent; weekly meetings and check-ins will provide constructive guidance and feedback. The IAMLA will supply student with necessary readings and supplies and will provide instruction on cataloging and archiving processes.

The internship's focus will be on information collection, analysis, summarizing and cataloging. At least 3 hours a week are required, although at least 5 hours a week is preferred.

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT:

The project requires well-organized, highly reliable, motivated candidates who demonstrate initiative and a desire to conduct advanced research. While this position is non-paid, the intern/research assistant will gain valuable skills, experience, and knowledge of Los Angeles' diverse historical landscape and work experience in a museum/archive environment. Applicants must be reliable and hard-working, have some research experience, and ideally, possess a 3.4 or better GPA. Social Science and Museum Studies majors preferred.

Compensation: Volunteer or course credit.

Preferred contact information: Please email Marianna@italianhall.org and include "RA opportunity" in the subject line.

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