



PRESERVATION MARYLAND

Preservation Services Internship Fire Suppression Survey Project Summer 2024

Preservation Maryland (PM) is dedicated to harnessing the power of historic places by revitalizing and reinvesting in communities, advocating, and building the historic trades workforce for the benefit of all Marylanders.

With an internship with PM, interns will gain experience in a non-profit setting and have the opportunity to learn how historic preservation works in a real-world setting. PM internships are a great opportunity for students in a variety of fields, especially those in historic preservation, architectural history, architecture, urban planning, communications, or non-profit management.

Position Description

The Preservation Services Intern will work with the PM's Program & Outreach Manager to assist Downtown Frederick Partnership, a state and nationally recognized Main Street community, with a survey of fire suppression systems within the district. Activating upper floors of Main Street buildings can have a multiplier effect on the economic vitality of a community. But often the lack of or present type of fire suppression systems can limit the potential uses for those upper floors. The goal of this project is to survey fire suppression systems within the commercial buildings located in Frederick's Main Street to then develop recommendations of how we may better support the adaptive reuse of Maryland's historic commercial districts.

Specific tasks include but are not limited to:

- Survey Main Street properties to document and assess the status of fire suppression systems and current use within those spaces.
- Develop a final report detailing the survey data, and potential recommendations to improve existing fire suppression systems as a means to support activation of underutilized spaces or expansion of operating capacities.
- Researching and drafting various outreach and advocacy materials related to fire suppression systems in historic resources across Maryland.

As part of the PM team, the intern will also have the opportunity to collaborate regularly with PM staff, attend site visits and participate in organizational events. PM strives to engage interns as much as possible in our daily advocacy and preservation work to provide an experienced-based education and professional development for students seeking career opportunities in historic preservation.

Qualifications

Candidates must have a knowledge of historic research techniques and experience with data management. Must be detail-oriented, have strong communication skills, comfortable making phone calls and interacting in a small office environment, and the ability to work independently and with a group. Education or experience in historic preservation, architectural history, or public history is a plus. Must be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite/Microsoft365.

Schedule & Location

This is a part-time internship with flexible scheduling for a minimum of 15 hours per week, with an average of 20 hours per week. Weekly hours are flexible and can be adjusted based on project workload and to accommodate school schedules. The term of the internship will be 8 to 10 weeks, depending on the weekly hours, with the possibility of extension based on the needs of the project and availability of funding. This project is anticipated to start May 2024; an earlier start date is possible based on the candidate's availability.

While much of the work can be done remotely, candidates must be available to conduct necessary in-person survey and research work in Frederick, MD, and be able to meet with PM staff and other project partners in Baltimore City; travel within and beyond Frederick and Baltimore City is a possibility.

Compensation

Interns will be compensated at the rate of \$15 per hour on a bi-monthly basis.

To Apply

Send a cover letter and resume (PDF format only) to Christiana Limniatis, Program & Outreach Manager, at climniatis@presmd.org using the subject line "Fire Suppression Survey Project". All applications must be submitted via email. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis with interviews beginning in March 2024.