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Chicago History Museum The Josephine Baskin Minow Fellowship for Achievement in American History

The Josephine Baskin Minow Fellowship for Achievement in American History at the Chicago History Museum (CHM) is a competitive award that recognizes superior academic achievement by college students. The Fellowship is aimed to introduce minority college students to a career in history museums through a ten-week fellowship. Fellows work alongside CHM staff to contribute to institutional advancement in research and interpretation of the collections for diverse public audiences.

Minow Fellows will assist in projects that offer diverse audiences access to the museum and to history. Projects may include:

- Assist in visitor research and data analysis
- Participate in prototype of exhibit interactive activities to determine effectiveness in engaging the visitor and delivering key messages.
- Contribute to the research and development of interpretive resources to assist targeted audiences in making meaningful and personal connections with history.
- Participate in the research, design, and delivery of programs.
- Focus for academic year 2012-2013 will include activities related t (but not limited to *Shalom Chicago* and *Inspiring Beauty: 50 Years of Ebony Fashion Fair*).

Eligibility: Minority college students who have excelled in the study of history (preferably American, Public, Urban) and have completed junior year in college.

Application: Interested candidates must submit the following material by **Sept. 17, 2012:**

- Letter of nomination from a professor
- Transcript of academic achievement
- CHM internship application,
<http://www.chicagohs.org/aboutus/jobsvolunteering/internships/internships>
- A short essay (1000 words maximum) on the topic: Can museums play a role in helping people make meaningful, personal connections to history? If so, how do they do that? Why should museums make such connections?

Two fellowships are awarded annually and occur during the fall 2012 or spring 2013 semesters. The Fellowship will last ten weeks and fellows are required to work a minimum of 15 hours a week. Fellows who successfully complete their work will receive a \$1000 stipend. Please be advised that you must successfully pass a background check to participate in this program.

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