

*Antietam National Battlefield and Shepherd University
Internship Summer 2017*



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Overview

Have you ever dreamed of working at Antietam National Battlefield? The Battle of Antietam marked the bloodiest single day in American history, ended Confederate General Robert E. Lee's invasion of the North, and prompted Abraham Lincoln's issuance of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in the fall of 1862. Antietam National Battlefield, in partnership with the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, is searching for a self-directed student at Shepherd University who is a **history major**. The intern will gain invaluable experience in developing educational and interpretative programming, interacting with visitors to the Park, researching a special topics project, and working at sites of great cultural and historical importance. The internship is funded through the support of Eastern National.

Basics

- *Eligibility:* Any undergraduate at Shepherd University who is a *history major*. The ideal candidate will have an interest in and passion for Civil War-era history, enjoy historical research and public speaking, and possess an ability to work independently.
- *Schedule:* The internship will run from **May 15 to August 14, 2017**. Additionally, the intern is expected to return to the battlefield for the Park's anniversary weekend, **September 15th-17th**. The internship requires approximately 400-hours and includes a substantial research paper, a weekly work journal, and a concluding presentation.
- *Compensation:* The internship stipend is **\$150 per week**. The intern will be eligible for housing at Shepherd University if enrolled in six credit hours.
- *Transportation:* The intern must have his or her own vehicle for transportation to and from work as well as for occasional research trips.

Application process

Interested students should submit a resume or C.V. along with a one-page statement of purpose to Jennifer Alarcon at jalarcon@shepherd.edu. The one-page document should detail: why you are interested in the internship; how the experience will advance your career goals; and what type of research and programming most interests you as a public historian. The application deadline is **February 15, 2017**. A committee will interview potential candidates and a decision will be offered by **March 15, 2017**.

Description of Duties

The purpose of Antietam National Battlefield is to preserve, protect, restore, and interpret for the benefit of the public the resources associated with the Battle of Antietam and its legacy. The park is approximately 3,000 acres. The visitor center is staffed year-round by National Park Service employees, interns, and volunteers. Park staff will train the intern regarding resources available at the front desk, fee collection procedures, visitor orientation information, and battlefield history. Additionally, staff members will guide the intern in developing a 20-25 minute effective interpretive overview of the battle which will be delivered each week and address the park's interpretive themes and significance. The intern will also assist in developing and presenting a special topics project linked with the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Antietam National Cemetery. The intern will be directed to research soldiers' graves, the histories associated with these men, and assist in the development a junior ranger booklet. For special events, the intern will assist in constructing programming, help with site set-up and breakdown, and execute any additional duties assigned by park staff.