

Summer Internship Postings

Who we are: The SS United States Conservancy, a national nonprofit organization founded in 2004, is dedicated to protecting, revitalizing and promoting the historic ocean liner SS *United States*, the largest passenger ship ever built in America and current holder of the transatlantic speed record. "America's flagship" transported four US presidents, business moguls and movie stars, and tourists and immigrants and is one of the last great super liners from the "golden age" of trans-Atlantic travel. With support from its members and donors, the Conservancy works to ensure that this enduring expression of American design and innovation educates and inspires for generations to come. For more information, visit www.ssusc.org.

The SS United States Conservancy purchased the SS *United States* in February, 2011, and is currently in the midst of an urgent "SOS" campaign to raise funds for the ship's preservation, including a shipboard museum, the SS United States Center for Design and Discovery, that will explore themes of 20th century industrial and technological innovation, mid-century Modern Art and Design, and the trans-Atlantic liner era and maritime history. Through its SS United States Redevelopment Project, the Conservancy is pursuing redevelopment and restoration options for the vessel as a mixed use development and museum complex with a focus on the New York and Philadelphia metro areas.

Guided by a prominent board of directors and advisory council, the Conservancy currently has a small staff based in Washington DC, Philadelphia and New York. The organization has members hailing from all 50 states and 22 nations worldwide.

What we are looking for: The SS United States Conservancy is currently recruiting for two summer internship positions. Each position can be sculpted to some degree based on the interests and abilities of the candidate:

The **Communications and Outreach Intern** will support the Conservancy's fundraising and viral marketing strategies in conjunction with our innovative crowdfunding initiative, www.savetheunitedstates.org, as well as our website at ssusc.org and our print and online publications. The intern will assist in identifying and reaching out to corporate and institutional supporters and sponsors and help generate creative strategies to build our individual and institutional membership base and expand our presence online. The intern will also assist in writing and editing articles and blog posts for the Conservancy's member newsletter and other publications as well as help maintain and refresh the Conservancy's website content. The intern will also provide some assistance with member correspondence and communications.

Preferred location: Flexible. Preference for Washington, DC, Philadelphia, or New York and is ideal for a candidate able to perform some job duties in a home office setting.

The **Preservation and Outreach** intern will work with Conservancy staff to review and catalogue historic documents and photographs and will assist in the expansion of our SS *United States* passenger and crew database, culling information from the Conservancy's archive of passenger lists and other historical documents. Additionally, the intern will help devise and implement fundraising and outreach strategies for an oral history initiative. Other responsibilities include researching key ship-preservation projects (specific research assignments to be determined.) The Conservancy will also rely on the intern for some assistance with administrative duties: copying, assembling, mailing, and data entry into the constituent database under the supervision of outreach staff.

Preferred Location: Philadelphia. Will consider other locations.

Qualifications

- Preference will be given to candidates pursuing bachelors or masters degrees in marketing, communications, English, history, historic preservation or museum studies.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel.
- Strong written and oral communication skills are essential.
- Candidates must possess the ability to work effectively in a small office environment or remotely and must have a personal computer available for use.

Commitment: Negotiable. (This internship can be combined with other part-time work or internship.)

Remuneration: Unpaid internship. Expenses and modest stipend negotiable.

Start Date and Duration: Summer 2014. Exact dates negotiable.

These positions offer excellent opportunities for professional and personal development with practical, hands-on experience and mentoring. To apply, please send resume and cover letter to positions@ssusc.org. No phone calls please.

Due to the high volume of applications, we are not able to respond to each individual applicant. Qualified candidates will be contacted by one of our staff members to arrange a phone interview.