



Museum of African American History, Boston and Nantucket
Paid Internship Opportunity, Summer 2020
Applications Due: **June 05, 2020**

**Museum of African American History MLK
Summer Scholars Summer 2020**

THE PROGRAM:

Funded by John Hancock and offered in partnership with the *Boston Globe*, Boston University, Partners in Health, The Ad Club and the City of Boston, the MLK Summer Scholars program offers paid summer employment to high school students in non-profit organizations throughout the City of Boston. The Museum of African American History has hosted MLK Summer Scholars for the past eight years and looks forward to another excellent cohort of students during Summer 2020.

MAAH Summer Scholars have typically engaged in projects including: conducting research on the Museum's historic sites and Black Heritage Trail®; offering exhibit tours and education programs to summer camp groups; assisting with events, public programs, and more.



2014 MLK Summer Scholars at the Robert Gould Shaw
54th Regiment Memorial

THE MUSEUM:

The Museum of African American History in Boston and Nantucket (MAAH) is the largest institution of its kind in New England and is dedicated to sharing the rich legacy of African American accomplishments. The Museum is the proud steward of four historic sites, and two Black Heritage Trails® in Boston and Nantucket. The Museum's mission is to preserve, conserve, and accurately interpret the contributions of people of African descent in New England from the colonial period through the nineteenth century and those who found common cause with them in pursuit of freedom and justice.



African Meeting House (1806), Photo credit: Shawmut
Design and Construction

In Boston, the Museum's campus consists of the African Meeting House (1806) and the Abiel Smith School (1835), which were built by and for Boston's early black community in Beacon Hill and played a crucial role in the Abolition Movement, community organizing, and the pursuit of equal citizenship. In 2019, the featured exhibition is *Picturing Frederick Douglass: The Most Photographed American of the Nineteenth Century*, which revolutionizes our knowledge of race and photography in Nineteenth century America.

THE JOB:

- Join the MAAH team for six and a half weeks this summer as a paid MLK Summer Scholar intern.
- Conduct research on the Museum's historic sites and the black history of 18th and 19th century Beacon Hill.
- Build college- and job-readiness skills including public speaking, research, writing for public audiences, and social media skills including blogging, Facebook and Twitter for educational purposes.
- Develop creative content to share the museum's stories
- Get an inside perspective on the fields of Museums, Historic Site Management, Public History and more!
- Interns received a stipend of \$1825 throughout the six and a half week program.



An MLK Scholar provides a tour for Museum visitors.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Candidates for MLK Summer Scholars must be:

- Residents of the City of Boston
- High school students between the ages of 16 and 18. You must be currently enrolled in grades 10-12 or entering grade 9 in the fall of 2020.
- Must be available Monday – Friday between July 6 & August 13, 2020. Approximate program hours: Mon – Thurs 9am – 2pm and four Friday workshops 9am – 12pm.
- Work days may be subject to change (e.g. switch a Thursday for a Friday)
- Candidates must be reliable and responsible.
- Candidates should be comfortable interacting with members of the public on-site at the Museum.
- Candidates should be comfortable working as part of a team.
- Interest in African American or American history a plus.

HOW TO APPLY:

1. Complete the **application form** attached.
2. The form includes space for a **one-page essay** about addressing the following questions:
 - *Why do you want to work with the Museum of African American History this summer?*
 - *What do you hope to learn and/or achieve as a result of the MLK Scholars program?*
3. Email your form and your essay to Autumn Cole, Education Associate, at acole@maah.org.
4. Applications are due **Friday, June 05, 2020** at 5:00pm.