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## Summer 2017 Collections Internship

### Internship Description

Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site (RGM-SHS) is accepting applications for an intern for the summer of 2017 to assist staff in collections management. This internship is open to emerging professionals as well as current graduate and undergraduate students looking to gain experience in collections management which is relevant to fields such as museum studies, archaeology, and library studies. The duration of the internship is approximately eight weeks and 2-3 days a week (16-24 hours) beginning on June 1, 2017. The internship will also offer a \$1,500 stipend funded by the North Carolina Museums Council.

The collections intern would play an essential role in increasing site capacity for research, interpretation, and exhibit development by improving the organization and documentation of the RGM collection. This project would allow the intern to work alongside staff to improve the site's existing collection and collections procedure. The intern will perform a variety of collection management tasks, such as daily monitoring of exhibit galleries, along with their proposed project. The primary project will consist of:

- An inventory of site collections and updating catalog information
- Research the history of a specific object for interpretive use
- Reorganization of the existing collections storage area

### Site Description

Reed Gold Mine is the site of the first documented discovery of gold found in the United States. From this discovery, gold mining gradually spread to nearby counties and into other southern states. During its peak year's, gold mining was second only to farming in the employment of North Carolinians. The estimated value of gold recovered in North Carolina reached over \$1,000,000 a year. North Carolina led the nation in gold production until 1848, when it was eclipsed by the great rush to California.

### Qualifications

Applicants should be: motivated and detail oriented, computer literate, willing to work as a part of a team while also able to work independently, show initiative in self-management and responsibilities, able to interact with site guests in a kind and professional manner, interested in working in Museum Studies or a related field, and familiar with artifact preservation.

Familiarity with Rediscovery: Proficio and/or North Carolina 19<sup>th</sup> century history preferred

### How to Apply

Please send a detailed résumé or curriculum vitae, a cover letter, and two references to [reed@ncdcr.gov](mailto:reed@ncdcr.gov) by **April 4, 2017**.