



Divinity School Summer Internship Program Summer 2025

The Divinity School Summer Internship Program for the Public Understanding of Religion offers paid internship opportunities for current Divinity School students at organizations across the United States. Students interested in an internship can apply with specific organizations where they can utilize their scholarly training in the academic study of religion while developing skills, experience, and connections that will help them become leaders in fields that advance the understanding of religion more broadly.

Any active degree-seeking Divinity School student in good standing is eligible to apply for a summer internship placement. Students that are scheduled to graduate in the Spring 2025 quarter may elect to extend graduation to Summer 2025 to accommodate a placement as a professional development capstone.

Internships should consist of ~300 hours and applicants should expect to work 30+ hours/week for 8-12 weeks, subject to agreement between the organization, the student and the Divinity School Dean of Students Office. Students with summer internship placements will receive a \$6000 stipend.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete an application [here](#)

Required Materials

- 1) One-page cover letter outlining your interest in the placement, professional development activity, and a brief explanation of how your participation will advance your professional goals.
- 2) CV or resumé (resumé preferred)

Materials must be combined into a **single PDF**, which should be named in the following format: **Last Name,FirstName,InternshipName.pdf**. Submit your PDF via our online form [here](#). A separate application document must be submitted for each internship site.

Deadline

April 21, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. (second round deadline)

Applicants will be informed of decisions and next steps by early May.

Site and Project Descriptions Below



Organization: Chicago History Museum: Chicago Sacred

Website: <https://www.chicagohistory.org/>

Summary: Chicago History Museum seeks a summer intern to work on our Chicago Sacred Initiative, which explores the ways religious and sacred communities have shaped Chicago's history. Work will include research on themes related to current CHM exhibition projects (examples include *Aqui en Chicago*, *America 250*, and *Everyday Sacred*) and may also include preparing a written draft for the Chicago History Museum blog or other interpretation. Working directly with Rebekah Coffman, curator of religion and community history, the intern will learn public history methods through primary and secondary source research, critical thinking and academic writing skills through conducting research using online collections, primary and secondary source materials, and academic articles. Work may also include public engagement around collections materials and research, including but limited to working with oral histories. Interns may also have opportunity to attend meetings or other museum events with the goal of enhancing their understanding of public history work.

About: CHM's mission—to serve as the primary destination for learning, inspiration, and civic engagement to connect people to Chicago's history and each other—is the foundation of the Museum's programs and events, exhibitions, educational initiatives, publications, and collecting activities that touch the lives of all Chicagoans.

Location: Hybrid (remote only possible)



Pride in the Pews

Organization: Pride in the Pews

Website: www.prideinthepews.com

Summary: The summer intern's scope of work will primarily be centered on providing programmatic and administrative support for two major initiatives; the Black Church Equality Fellowship (BCEF) and Pride in the Pews' Headquarters at The Cov. The BCEF is a distinguished nationwide leadership development program for Black faith leaders committed to advancing congregation-based programmatic initiatives that promote LGBTQ+ inclusion. Projects will include co-planning the BCEF cohort convening; managing grantees communications and recording keeping; building relationships with grantee team leads; tracking grantee deliverables; seeking and crafting storytelling opportunities for PITP social media, newsletter, and events; supporting with scheduling and miscellaneous organizational internal processes.

The second major initiative in the intern's scope of work is building on and executing the strategy for Pride in the Pews' new office and community space at New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, aka 'The Cov.'" Projects may include building on and executing community engagement strategy; managing partnerships with Howard Brown Healthcare and other community-based orgs serving Black LGBTQ+ communities etc.

About Pride in the Pews: Pride in the Pews is a grassroots nationwide nonprofit that mobilizes Black-serving anchor institutions to advocate for the holistic health and wellness of Black LGBTQ+ communities. Pride in the Pews envisions a world where LGBTQ+ communities are embraced by social, civic, and faith-based institutions that insist on our freedom and full flourishing. Our work has been featured in the Chicago Tribune, Religion News Service, ABC7 Chicago, Christian Science Monitor, and more.

Location: The internship will be hybrid or remote, depending on intern's location.