FY 2021-2022 at History Colorado

2021-2022 Internships Include Positions Involved with:
- Archaeology Education
- Women’s History Museum
- Latino Heritage Project
- LGBTQ+ Collections
- Archives Research
- Social Media
- Photography Collections
- NAGPRA and Tribal Consultation
- Philanthropy and Fundraising
- Military Collections
- And More!

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1011 volunteers
43,128.25 total hours
Equal to 20.74 FTE’s
Valued at $1,355,870.39

2021-2022 Volunteer Demographics

Volunteer numbers have risen in the past 5 years.

Our volunteers are represented across 1/3 of Colorado. Including volunteers in 19 other states!

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The volunteer program is a part of History Colorado’s Equity and Engagement department, which collaborates with HC’s workforce and community groups to create a more inclusive narrative of Colorado history. The 3 following best practices enable the department to facilitate meaningful volunteer experiences such as internships.

1. It’s important to be flexible - if we can’t then we will lose potential participation from volunteers across the state, country, and globe.

   “I gained experience in multiple disciplines and was able to work professionally in creative and educational work.”

   Virtual and hybrid internship meetings are available for interns like high school student Juanita.

2. Let go of formality and adapt the onboarding model for the needs of the communities we are hoping to collaborate with.

   “I got to better myself in interacting and talking to people and members of multiple communities, I also listened to a lot of interesting and amazing stories that gave a lot of good advice and life lessons.”

   Arrupe students Yarali, Adely, Isabel, and Rich during their 2021/22 School Year Internship Orientation.

3. Volunteer engagement IS community engagement. The voices of our volunteers represent the communities they come from and with that in mind the department needs to be present in those communities.

   “Working at History Colorado was the best internship experience I’ve had, and you taught me so many practical skills that will help in my career that I feel I wouldn’t have gotten anywhere else.”

   Nicholas Aloia, Latino Heritage Project Internship, learning about processes in the Collection Registration area.