Seeking Spring 2021 Interns

Save Ancient Studies in America (SASA) is seeking to fill unpaid, remote internships during the Spring 2021 semester. Internships may be used toward college credit. Internship applications are now open and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Applications close December 23, 2020.

SASA's mission is to counter the downward trend in Ancient Studies fields in academia, by (1) uniting graduate students to (2) engage students by guiding the widespread American interest in ancient times toward Ancient Studies, to (3) facilitate ease of access to studying the ancient world, and to (4) support and reimagine scholarship as a lifelong pursuit for those who work as professionals in other areas after receiving their PhDs.

SASA is looking to take on a number of interns for the Spring 2021 semester to work on our Teams (see description of each Team below):

- Communications Team (4-5)
- Live Events Team (1)
- Outreach Team (2-3)
- Research Team (2)
- Virtual Conference Team (1-2)
- Access Team (3-5)
- Fundraising & Grant Writing Team (2-3)

Some of the teams and their projects are listed on our <u>Teams page</u> or <u>Projects page</u>, but others are still in development.

For these projects, we seek interns with experience in the following areas:

- Professional communications experience, including social media, mass email, website, and video production
- Event Coordination
- Research & Writing
- Grant Writing & Crowdfunding
- Nonprofit Administration & Organization
- Excellent writing skills
- Ancient Studies knowledge (not required)
- General work experience, especially in remote settings

Interns may be undergraduates, have completed their BA, or be in graduate school. All interns must be strong self-starters and excel at working in remote environments, both alone and with a team. At this time, all positions with SASA are unpaid, including interns, management, and volunteers. Interest in the Ancient World is not required, but is a plus. These internships are

scheduled for the duration of 1/15/2020 - 5/15/2020. Weekly internship hours range between 10-25 hours, though we aim for 15-20.

Since work for SASA is all done remotely, we take a proactive approach to supporting our interns. Our goal is for SASA internships to be mutually beneficial, such that interns help work on various SASA projects and that interns gain experience in multiple areas, learn skills, gain knowledge, and build connections with numerous people in Ancient Studies and the nonprofit world. Interns work alongside volunteers with more experience and under the guidance of our Team Leaders and Director. Our work ethos is exploratory, fun, and serious. We all enjoy the company of people who have varied backgrounds and interests of all ages, and who are passionate in their pursuits.

The only requirement for working at specific times is that the interns be available at their team meeting time:

- Communications Team: Mondays & Thursdays (twice a week), 12pm EST
- Live Events Team: Mondays & Thursdays (twice a week), 12pm EST
- Outreach Team: Tuesdays, 2pm 3:30pm EST
- Research Team: Tuesdays, 11am 12:30pm EST
- Virtual Conference Team: Sundays 11am EST
- Access Team: TBD
- Fundraising & Grant Writing Team: Tuesdays, 12:30pm 2pm EST

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to daviddanzig@saveancientstudies.org or upload them in the webform on our applications-page. Please specify in your cover letter which skills you have and for which teams you think you would be best suited. We look forward to your application.

TEAM DESCRIPTIONS:

<u>Communications Team</u> - As the vanguard of SASA, the Communications Team works to create and schedule all of our social media posts and mass emails, as well as run our website. Interns have an integral role in SASA's messaging, look, and feel.

<u>Live Events Team</u> - Develops, plans, and runs SASA's live events, including Expert Q&A's, Archaeogaming, and our Book Club. Interns solicit new presenters and ensure that the platforms for the meetings, live feeds, and later uploads are functioning smoothly.

<u>Outreach Team</u> - SASA's newest team is just getting off the ground. Get in on the ground floor as we begin to form relationships and partnerships with other organizations, individuals, and businesses to help further our mission and theirs. Interns will seek out potential partners, help draft language for our outreach, assist in planning strategy for effective outreach, and work to maintain and grow relationships.

Research Team - In our effort to ground our claims and proposed solutions in real evidence, this team conducts in depth sociological research and analysis on the downward trend in Ancient Studies throughout the US educational system. We also work to produce and present proactive methods for solving problems in Ancient Studies. Our goals are to complete a White Paper on this topic, as well as a series of published articles and informational videos. Interns on the team help in crunching the data on a variety of educational indicators, analyzing that data, and composing results, as well as researching solutions and producing videos about them.

<u>Virtual Conference Team</u> - SASA is working to change attitudes toward lifelong scholarship, irrespective of occupation, and build an inclusive community of all Ancient Studies scholars, both in and out of academia. Our first free virtual academic conference, *Opening the Ancient World*, is planned for late summer 2021. Interns on this team will work to schedule, organize, and develop SASA's virtual conference, as well as to discover and reach out to potential speakers and participants.

<u>Access Team</u> - One of our main methods of saving Ancient Studies is to provide greater ease of access for students to begin to study the ancient world and develop their skills. We are in the process of developing the initial stages of our Access Platform. Currently the Access Team is compiling and developing an online platform listing online resources in all Ancient Studies fields. Interns are engaged in internet research to discover, evaluate, and categorize all sorts of wonderful websites.

<u>Fundraising & Grant Writing Team</u> - We are hard at work trying to raise funds with a multi-pronged approach, including crowdfunding, individual donor solicitation, and grant writing. This will enable SASA's future success. Interns on this team help plan fundraising events, find grants and help write grant applications. Preference will be given to individuals with prior experience in these areas.