Palm Beach County
Historic Preservation Officer Internship Program

The Palm Beach County Historic Preservation/Archaeology internship offers a unique opportunity to learn about the historic preservation process at the local government level by direct participation. Daily intern tasks vary from helping conduct small scale archaeological investigation, to preparing historic designation applications to assisting with the preparation of historic tax exemptions, to preparing text for state historic markers.

Interns are required to work a **minimum** of two days per week (days to be determined). Interns can and often do work remotely and as such the hours are flexible. There are no limits to the length of an internship. Internships have ranged in length from five years to six weeks.

Internships can be for college credit or for non-credit. In regard to **for credit** internships it is up to each student/intern to determine through their school how credit will be achieved/ awarded. Non-credit internships are often conducted by people who have graduated with their BA/BS and are still determining where they want to go for graduate school. In several cases interns have found/conducted their MA/PhD thesis through projects they began as an intern.

An intern’s work environment is diverse ranging from office/lab work to remote field (swamp) investigations. Interns are sometimes required to conduct strenuous activities (excavation) so you must be in good physical condition. Given the diverse working environment both professional and field attire is required.

Potential interns must submit a resume/CV and/or a statement of interest to Mr. Christian Davenport at (cdavenpo@pbcgov.org). Your statement of intent should be a brief statement of what your academic interests are, what your professional goals are and what your interests in the CHPO internship entail. Further phone or personal interviews may be required to determine if you are a good candidate for this unique opportunity.

If you would like further information or have other questions you can either email them to Mr. Davenport or call him directly at (561) 233-5331.