



Margaret Jane Dickinson Summer 2022 Internship at the Barrier Islands Center

Opened to visitors in 2002, the Barrier Islands Center (BIC) is a non-profit organization on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The mission of the BIC is to preserve and perpetuate the unique culture and history of Virginia's barrier islands through education and the collection and interpretation of artifacts. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay in Northampton County, this educational and cultural hub provides enrichment to an underserved rural population. Offering enlightening experiences in a friendly and respectful setting, the BIC has won the trust of local island descendants, watermen, farmers and their families, and the community as a whole.

Following a successful inaugural program in 2021, the focus of the 2022 internship will once again be on capturing history via film and oral histories. The student will have the opportunity to interview Eastern Shore of Virginia locals and document these interactions in the form of film and audio under the auspices of a team of caring mentors. A compilation of these interviews will serve as the student's "final project" which he or she will present at the conclusion of the internship. Other duties as assigned.

The Barrier Islands Center is an organization that requires maximum creativity and problem-solving skills. The ideal candidate will excel in team support, small business skills, working with the public, and technical problem-solving. He or she must possess a good nature, humility, and genuine intellectual curiosity. Cultural differences should be seen as opportunities.

The intern will learn how to: conduct a successful interview, film subjects, and contribute to an oral histories archive. He or she will also learn how a successful nonprofit operates as well as develop an appreciation for the unique nature of rural and coastal life on the Eastern Shore.

Successful applicants will be current sophomores or juniors in college who are interested in media studies and more specifically, oral histories. He or she must also have a demonstrated financial need. A stipend of \$4,000 will be provided, along with a possible housing subsidy, if needed. The intern will be expected to work five days per week over an eight-week period (from approximately June 6-July 29).

Please direct any questions to:

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