

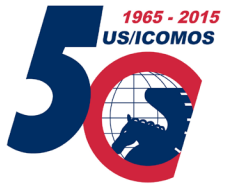


2016

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Call for Hosts and Sponsors





Dear Colleagues, Supporters and Friends:

September 29, 2015

On behalf of Jan Anderson, Chair of the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees, my committee co-chair Troy Thompson, and the rest of my fellow Trustees, I am pleased to share with you this call for applications for Hosts and Sponsors for the 2016 International Exchange Program (IEP).

Since 1984, the US/ICOMOS IEP has engaged partners across the world in hands-on training of emerging cultural heritage professionals. To date, more than 700 preservation interns and 70 countries have participated. The program shares the best cultural heritage preservation practices that the United States has to offer to hundreds of young professionals from overseas and introduces young Americans to the personal and communal benefits of international cultural engagement. As a former intern myself (to Petra, Jordan, in 1999), I know firsthand the value of this program. In addition to building the skills and knowledge of emerging professionals, the program establishes lifelong professional and personal contacts. These connections are the basis of so many positive relationships that improve the quality of the international heritage profession, and the lives of practitioners across the globe.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of US/ICOMOS; to celebrate our half century mark, our Board has worked hard to restructure and revitalize the organization to better serve our members and connect them to world heritage practice. As part of this effort, we have defined six themes as part of a broader initiative called "US/ICOMOS KnowledgeExchange" that we are pursuing to enhance the organization.

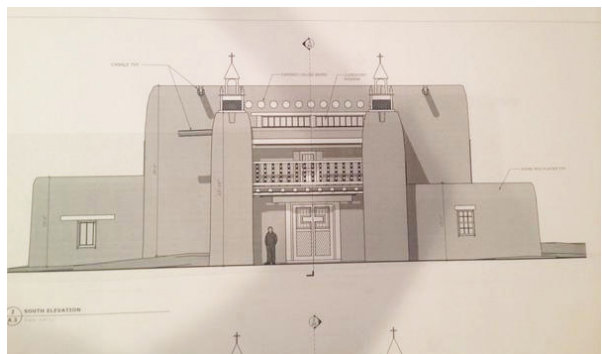
These themes are: (1) Cultural Landscape Practice; (2) Heritage as a Pillar of Sustainable Development, (3) Climate Change and Heritage, (4) Heritage in Times of Disaster and Conflict, (5) World Heritage Management, and (6) Telling the Stories that Make up America's Diverse National Identity. Consistent with our new approach, we are positioning the IEP to reflect these themes. For 2016, IEP Hosts will be encouraged to build their hosting opportunities around these themes and support interns working on related issues and challenges.

More information on the 2016 IEP is attached. The deadline for applications is 30 November; the application form can be found online at <http://goo.gl/forms/LWeQGeKrsv>. I hope that you will support the program this year, either through a host placement, a sponsor donation, or both. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the IEP. Please contact me at blione@usicomos.org with your questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Lione".

Brian Michael Lione
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Co-Chair, US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program,
Member, ICOMOS Working Group on Iraq and Syria, and
Former US/ICOMOS Intern to Jordan (1999)



HOST A US/ICOMOS INTERNATIONAL INTERN!

2016 US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program In Historic Preservation

The US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program in Historic Preservation provides advanced training and hands-on experience for preservation professionals early in their careers. Sponsorship of an intern enables an organization to work with a very well qualified emerging cultural heritage professional at a very modest cost to the host organization. Exchanges also establish international connections and build rewarding social, political, and personal relationships while helping train future professionals through preservation work experience. Exchanges also build rewarding social, political, and personal relationships.

US/ICOMOS IEP participants are usually in their last year of a relevant graduate education program or have been working for 1-3 years in a professional capacity. Successful applicants are those who demonstrate an interest in gaining international preservation work experience, NOT simply those who need an internship to fulfill a program requirement. The program is very competitive; typically fewer than 1 in 5 applicants are awarded internships.

Please read the information provided below. If you are interested in hosting an IEP Intern in 2016, please complete the form located at <http://goo.gl/forms/LWeQGeKrsv> before 30 November 2015.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR 2016 INTERNSHIPS

- 30 November 2015** IEP Host Applications Due;
- Mid-November** Call for intern applications circulated
- Mid-January 2016** Intern applications due
- February/March** Interns are matched to hosts; Hosts approve placements; final selections made
- Early April** Deadline for interns to accept placements
- 1 June** Intern Orientation Week in Washington, DC
- 6 June – 5 August** Internship at the host organization
- 10-12 August** Interns return to Washington, DC for Final Program Symposium and Closing Reception

The above schedule can be modified to fit the specific needs of host organizations, as long as it allows the interns to participate in the orientation and final programs that provide important opportunities for them to meet together and learn from each other by sharing their experiences.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Intern Recruiting, Vetting and Selection

US/ICOMOS works with the network of over 100 ICOMOS National Committees as well as heritage institutions across the United States to develop a very highly qualified applicant pool for each IEP class. US/ICOMOS handles all recruiting for, and vetting of, the Applicants. Applicants are vetted by an expert panel consisting of prominent US cultural heritage experts, including several alumni of the IEP. Once Applicants are vetted and their references are checked, each approved Host is sent one or more candidates to review. Candidates are selected from among the Applicants based on the needs and required skill sets expressed by the Host. US/ICOMOS will work closely with the Host to make sure the Candidate is a good fit. The Host must approve the proposed Candidate before an offer is made.

Training and Orientation

US/ICOMOS undertakes a comprehensive training and orientation program before Interns arrive at their Host placements. All interns, whether US-based or Non US-based assemble first in Washington, DC for an Orientation Week. The purpose of the Orientation Week is brief the Interns on the obligations of the IEP and also to provide an introduction to the international system of historic preservation. Interns also are exposed to the latest in trends and research in US historic Preservation.

At the conclusion of the Orientation Week, Interns fan out across the US and the World to commence their 9-week placements with their IEP Hosts. Each Intern is assigned an IEP alum from their field as a Mentor for the summer. Mentors assist the Interns both professionally and with matters related to their intern experience. All Mentors are alumni of the IEP program. 2015 Mentors included architects, archeologists, lawyers and other heritage professionals from the Getty Conservation Institute, the US National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Cultural Landscape Foundation as well as architecture and landscape architecture firms.

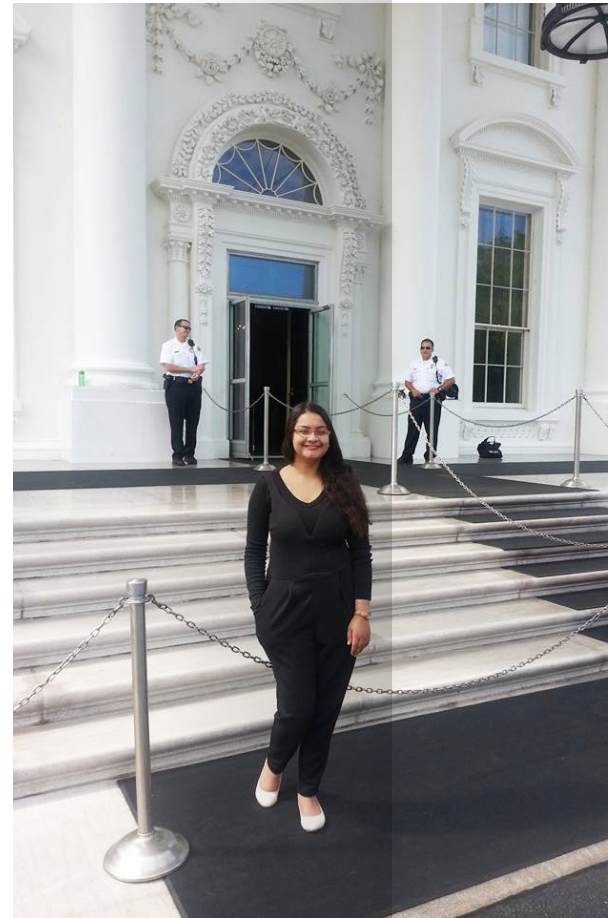
Final Program Symposium and Reception

Upon the conclusion of their 9-week internship placements, all Interns return to Washington, DC for a Final Program that includes a Symposium and Closing Reception. At the Symposium, each Intern gives an individual presentation on a thematic dimension of their summer experience and participates in a panel discussion with other interns moderated by a heritage expert. Panels topics at the 2015 Symposium included the Built Environment, Cultural Landscapes and Heritage at Risk. Following the 2015 Final Symposium, participation certificates were awarded during an elegant garden party.

Social Media and Host Partnership Opportunities

One of the goals of the US/ICOMOS KnowledgeExchange initiative is to integrate web and social media-based platforms to broaden the impact of existing face-to-face programs. The goal of is to employ a full array tools to deliver to US preservationists and cultural resource managers views of heritage knowledge and learning from around the world, aiding them in solving the heritage challenges they face. Each IEP Intern is asked to tweet and blog about their summer experiences as part of this effort. This Social Media output also creates marketing and public relations opportunities for Hosts. US/ICOMOS works with Hosts on branded blogs, joint social media efforts and other promotions that increase awareness of the Host and the work they do.





FINANCIAL AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS

The US/ICOMOS IEP places US-based emerging professionals with heritage Hosts outside the US and it places Non-US Based emerging professionals with heritage Hosts in the US. The parameters for US-based hosts and Non US Based Hosts (i.e. Overseas Hosts) are slightly different:

US-BASED HOST ORGANIZATIONS are expected to contribute funding to US/ICOMOS to support the intern costs, with the amount based on such factors as cost-of-living in the host city, provision of free or reduced-cost housing, etc. At a minimum, US-based Hosts are asked to pay a \$750 placement fee to US/ICOMOS to help cover the costs of running the IEP. US-based Hosts are also asked to either provide room and board to their Intern(s) or to pay a cash equivalent. Hosts are not required to cover Interns travel costs or to pay them a stipend. However, experience has shown that the number and experience level of Interns that can be placed with a Host increases if the Host can provide additional support in this fashion.

HOST ORGANIZATIONS OVERSEAS are asked to provide financial or logistical assistance, if possible, such as free or low-cost room and board. In some cases, US/ICOMOS may be able to obtain grant support to provide supplemental funds for overseas internships.

FOR ALL HOSTS: It is highly unlikely that US/ICOMOS will be able to support placements with Host Organizations that do not contribute financial or in-kind support for an intern. For 2015, placements averaged about \$6000 per person. US/ICOMOS works to defray these costs through grants and donations, but cannot promise to do so.

ALL HOST ORGANIZATIONS are also expected to cover all work-related costs for the interns, including transportation to and from project sites if required for the internship, and assistance in finding housing, if not provided.

US/ICOMOS handles all recruiting for, and review, vetting and placement of, the applicants. US/ICOMOS will work with Interns coming to the US for their internships with obtaining the requisite J-1 (Training) Visa. US/ICOMOS conducts and funds the Orientation Week and the Final Program for all interns in Washington, DC. US/ICOMOS also handles the distribution of all stipend payments and provides supplemental travel and medical insurance for interns for the duration of the internship (travel costs to and from Washington, and to / from the Host location, are borne by the IEP Participant). The amount of the stipend varies, depending on the cost-of-living in different locations, availability of free or reduced-cost housing, and amount of grant support and other monetary contributions received for the exchange program.

Thank you for your interest. To apply to host an IEP Participant in 2016, please complete the form at <http://goo.gl/forms/LWeQGeKrsy> before 30 November 2015. You will then be contacted by a member of the US/ICOMOS IEP Committee to follow up on your application.

