

Internship Dates: roughly February 3 to April 30, 2026

Application Deadline: January 1, 2026

10 hours per week

Stipend of \$600

Some remote work is possible on this project

The Virginia Quilt Museum seeks an intern to assist with creating adult programming for their project *Stitching Together History: 250 Quilts Commemorating the Commonwealth of Virginia*. The Virginia Quilt Museum is located in the historic Silver Lake Mill in Dayton, Virginia. VQM is 5 miles from James Madison University, 4 miles from Bridgewater College, and 7 miles from Eastern Mennonite University. The Museum is working towards a large exhibition opening on July 4, 2026 commemorating the Semisesquicentennial of the American Revolution. This exhibition will feature 260 small quilts. The quilts have been made by 136 artists from across the country. The quilts are already at the museum and have been professionally photographed.

This internship will focus on creating a series of 2-3 public programs related to the exhibition, plus a general script for guided tours of the exhibition. Programs should be geared towards adult audiences and may include lectures on topics represented in the quilts, classes, or workshops on creating similar style quilts. The selected intern will first familiarize themselves with the themes of the exhibition and the people, places, events, and ideas represented in the 260 quilts that will be featured in the exhibition. From there they will develop a list of topics and potential programs to be reviewed by museum staff. Once the topics and programs have been approved by museum staff the intern will work to contact needed speakers, schedule the programs, create registration forms and gather the information needed to market the program.

The selected intern will work under the supervision of VQM Executive Director Alicia Thomas and will need to be able to work independently on tasks once instructions are given. This person needs to be very comfortable with a wide array of technology, including Google docs and sheets, Microsoft word and excel, and others. This project is best geared towards a graduate student who is familiar with the basics of museum studies and education. Undergraduates with past internship experience in museums will also be considered.

To apply please send a cover letter and resume to director@vaquiltmuseum.org by January 1, 2026 with the subject line STH Adult Programs Internship. Interviews will take place via zoom or in person between January 6 - 23, 2026.