

Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Public History Research Experience

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History

Hours required p/week:	9
Credits anticipated:	3

Public History is history that engages the community in building connections to their pasts and each other. For this research experience, students will work with the Public History coordinator and various faculty on a variety of ongoing Public History projects. Projects will include curating Salt River Stories and Global World War II Monuments through editing, research, and writing interpretive text. Additional project work may include developing and curating digital archives, such as our past project Journal of a Plague Year: An Archive of Covid-19, conducting “history harvests” with local partners such as the City of Phoenix, or conducting and processing oral histories.

TEMPE

ONLINE

STUDENT

Research assistant’s duties:

Duties may include curating or editing digital projects; facilitating work between partner organizations and students; attending in-person collection events (on-ground students); conducting and processing oral histories; research and writing for digital projects. Additionally, student will be required to attend one virtual meeting per week with other public history students to discuss ongoing work as well as theoretical issues within public history.

Required skills or qualifications:

Desired qualifications include strong writing and communication skills; research experience; interest in Oral History; time management skills; and basic computing skills.

Skills student will acquire:

Students will learn about public history and about working in the Public History realm. This might include planning and executing a project with a partner institution; organizing research; archival research; curating items in a digital exhibit; conducting and processing oral histories; creating educational programming around an exhibit or event; digital resource collection and curation.