Digital History Consulting

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Call for Maine Student Internship Applications

Digital History Consulting is seeking applications for a full-time summer 2026 internship to co-develop a web application prototype. This web application will help users of all technological skill levels transform historical documents containing tabular data (e.g., lists, tables, ledgers, logs, registers) into visualizations and analyses through OCR, data processing, and analysis — all within one accessible application.

Eligibility and Logistics

The internship is contingent on successful company and student application to the Innovate for Maine Fellows Program. Applicants must be master's or undergraduate students in good academic standing who:

- reside in Maine and attend college elsewhere, or
- attend a Maine college or university, or
- have strong ties to Maine (e.g. visit Maine regularly).

The selected intern will be employed through the University of Maine's Foster Center for Innovation, which sets these requirements:

- The intern will have to attend a 4-day, in-person boot camp at the University of Maine Orono campus, May 19-22, 2026.
- The 10-week internship will conclude by August 21, 2026.
- The selected intern will be paid at the rate of $19/hour, including boot camp hours.
- 80% of work hours will be in-person at the Foster Innovation Center or one of its partner locations (to be determined).

Applications for full-time (400 hours) are preferred, but part-time applications (200 hours) will be considered.

Position Overview

The intern will be a fundamental part of web application development. The intern will collaborate with the director of Digital History Consulting, Justus Hillebrand, Ph.D., on coding and designing the frontend and backend using Streamlit. Depending on the progress made during the internship, the intern will also be responsible for testing the app with archival materials and/or outside partners.

Required skills:

- Python (Intermediate)
- Familiarity with historical sources and methods
- Creative problem solving
- Exceptional collaboration and communication
- Willingness to learn new skills and viewpoints

Preferred skills:

- SQL (Beginner)
- App development in Streamlit (Beginner)
- Working with Large Language Model / Visual Language Model APIs (Beginner)
- Data visualization
- Geographic mapping

About Digital History Consulting

Digital History Consulting is a small business startup located in Waterville, ME, and has been in operation since 2022. Digital History Consulting is led by Justus Hillebrand, Ph.D., who has worked in the Digital Humanities since 2016. Clients include small historical societies to large institutions, e.g. the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

How to Apply

Please send a cover letter and CV to Justus Hillebrand at info@digitalhistoryconsulting.com by January 22, 2026 but earlier applications are encouraged. Interviews will be scheduled at the latest for the week before February 1, which is the deadline for company applications. Upon selection, the student still must apply to the Innovate for Maine Fellows Program by February 8.

For questions, please contact Justus Hillebrand at info@digitalhistoryconsulting.com.