Historic Deerfield Summer Fellowship Program in Early American History and Material Culture for Undergraduate Students

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Historic Deerfield, Inc. Summer Fellowship Program in Early American History and Material Culture for Undergraduate Students is a non-profit, private membership organization and a museum of New England history and decorative arts.

Summer Fellows in American History and Material Culture:
Qualifications – Historic Deerfield, Inc. accepts 6-10 students who have completed two or more years of college and are undergraduates as of January 1. The program will be of interest to students in American Studies, History, Museum Studies, Library Studies, Architecture, Design, Art, and Art History.
Program description – The Summer Fellowship program is a nine week residential living and learning opportunity at Historic Deerfield, Inc. in Deerfield, Massachusetts. Since 1956, students have used Historic Deerfield’s 14 historic houses, museums, and collection of artifacts and documents to study early American history, life, and material culture. Students learn from the staff of Historic Deerfield about history, museums, and material life, guide tours, and research a topic in New England history and culture utilizing the collections.
Application instructions – To apply, go to the web site, or call for information. A non-refundable application fee of $15 is required, along with the application form, a brief essay, at least two letters of recommendation from faculty, and an official transcript.
Dates – The program runs 9 weeks from mid-June to mid-August.
Compensation – The $7,500 fellowship covers tuition field trip expenses, and room and board at Historic Deerfield. A limited number of additional awards are also available ranging from $500 to $1,500 for students with financial need. Six hours of credit are also available through the History Department at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Applications must be postmarked by February 14. Notification of acceptance will come by late March.