



Preservation Intern – Paid Position

Ascendant Neighborhood Development (AND) and its Landmark East Harlem (LEH) initiative are seeking an intern to support their efforts to preserve and protect the historic, cultural, and architectural character of the neighborhoods of Northern Manhattan. The paid summer internship would begin immediately, with the possibility of extending through fall semester of 2019 and spring semester of 2020.

Founded in 1988, AND is a non-profit organization focused on the preservation and development of affordable housing. In recent years, AND has expanded its mission to add a focus on historic preservation work across the neighborhoods of Northern Manhattan. LEH, formed in 2015, is a collaborative effort of East Harlem neighborhood stakeholders to focus attention on preserving and protecting the rich architectural, historical, and cultural heritage of the neighborhood. Members of LEH have been involved in the development of the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan and have helped to raise awareness of historic preservation as a key component of comprehensive neighborhood development.

Since LEH's founding in 2015, and through its strong advocacy efforts, the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) has designated four new individual landmarks in East Harlem. AND and LEH will be heavily involved in advocating for the designation of additional individual landmarks and historic districts during the internship period. The intern will assist with property research, preparation of testimony for LPC hearings, photographing of buildings, and education/outreach efforts.

In addition to their work at the local level, AND and LEH have successfully worked to secure State and National Register (S/NR) listing for the 820-building East Harlem Historic District. Building on this work, LEH is now moving forward with studies of additional areas of the neighborhood for potential future S/NR historic district nominations.

AND and LEH have conducted community education and outreach to inform property owners about the benefits of listing on the State and National Registers, address property owners' concerns and questions, and build consensus among community stakeholders about proceeding with the listing process. This requires creative and enthusiastic community engagement via both mail and digital outreach, public meetings, and interfacing with community leaders and local officials. The



intern will coordinate with SHPO staff and work alongside AND staff and LEH members to meet these goals, but will be largely self-directed.

Responsibilities will include:

- Developing a comprehensive list of property owners within new proposed historic districts
- Creating outreach materials to educate and engage homeowners about proposed districts and the benefits of S/NR listing
- Conducting research to support the creation of new districts
- Assisting with the planning and execution of public meetings about proposed districts
- Supporting AND and LEH with communications and engagement via the AND and LEH websites and social media platforms

The candidate should have experience with using digital platforms (websites, e-newsletters, and social media) for public outreach. A graduate student pursuing a degree in historic preservation, urban planning, community development, or a related field is preferred. Fluency in Spanish is also helpful, but not required.

This internship is paid, and it will begin in summer 2019. The intern will work 10-15 hours a week, but scheduling is flexible. The intern will work at AND's office in East Harlem.

E-mail a letter of interest, resume, and brief writing sample to:

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