

Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM)

Education Internship Description

The Minnesota Transportation Museum (MTM) is dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and sharing the history of transportation in the Upper Midwest. Through exhibitions, public programs, and stewardship of its collections, MTM fosters a deeper understanding of how transportation has shaped communities, industries, and everyday life.

This internship provides hands-on experience in museum education, with opportunities to work directly with visitors, develop educational materials and programs, and maintain and create interactive exhibits. Interns will build foundational skills for careers in museums, education, and informal learning.

Position Details

- **Status:** In-person, Hybrid
- **Schedule:** Part-time (4–8 hours per week)
- **Duration:** 10–12 weeks (offered each semester)
- **Compensation:** Unpaid

Responsibilities

The Education Intern will:

- Maintain static interactive museum spaces by restocking supplies, cleaning materials, and repairing or replacing broken components
- Develop and test new components and activities for the museum's interactive spaces
- Help plan, prepare, and implement the museum's Tots and Trains program
- Assist with group visits, field trips, and other educational programs as needed
- Assist with developing curriculum materials, activities, and educational language for K-12 audiences
- Support other education and visitor engagement projects as opportunities arise

Learning Outcomes

Through this internship, the Education Intern will:

- Gain hands-on experience developing, maintaining, and evaluating interactive museum experiences
- Practice writing curriculum materials, educational activities, and tour scripts for different audiences
- Develop public speaking and visitor engagement skills through interaction with museum visitors and school groups
- Gain experience planning and implementing educational programs
- Build foundational skills and experience for future careers in museums, education, and informal learning environments

Qualifications

Ideal candidates will demonstrate:

- Interest in museums, education, public history, or a related field
- Familiarity with or interest in transportation history, especially railroads
- Strong research and organizational skills
- Attention to detail and ability to work independently
- Effective verbal communication skills

Eligibility

This internship is designed to provide introductory to intermediate experience in museum education work. Applicants may include community college students, undergraduate and graduate students, recent graduates, career changers, and others seeking experience in the field. One intern will be selected per term.