

Title: Magazine Publication “Trails and Secrets of Iceland”

The goal of this internship is to combine cultural, geographical, and academic research with the goal of publishing a cultural and field guide of the Reykjavik and Southern Iceland regions. I have the opportunity to attend this internship and coordinate with the team to build an individualized research project that aligns with my interests. It has always been a goal of mine to pursue anthropology and archaeology in the nordic regions and I hope to focus on environmental anthropology or viking heritage and mythology as I go into this internship. The specifics of my exact project are not yet set in place, but forming and preparing a research topic is included in this process. Attending this internship will be a great opportunity for me to conduct in-field research and begin an understanding of how to apply methods learned in class to the outside world.

Research Design & Methods

The first phase of the internship begins one month prior to departure to Iceland. This time period includes working remotely five to ten hours a week with various mentors and program directors to help prepare prior to arriving on-site. During this time, interns work on a preliminary assignment to organize research questions and complete a literature review. This includes gathering initial research and information, preparing for fieldwork, and finalizing a research topic. The second phase includes on-site research. This is an on-site eight day research trip where interns split into teams led by university instructors and local guides based on their research interests. During this trip, interns will conduct fieldwork using different methods that include but are not limited to participant-observation, interviews, various visits to points of interests, and further data collection. During this time, interns are expected to collect accurate field notes and share with the team at the end of each day to maintain goals and collaborate with fellow interns and team members. The third phase is the two months after being on-site. This two month remote period is for interns to organize notes and data and write a report on their selected area of study. Similar to Phase One, interns meet with the academic team in order to collaborate with the intern on their contribution. This research is then to be reviewed and published as the student’s original work. In total, this research project occurs over the course of three months or about 200 hours.

Expected Outcomes:

The expected outcome is a contribution to a publication that will help serve as a field and cultural guide. With this experience, I hope to personally gain in-field experience with cultural and environmental anthropology. I also hope to foster my research and fieldwork methods abilities. It is also expected to earn 3-6 college credits or independent study credits through the time spent working this internship. I also hope to highlight this experience on my resume going forward in my anthropology career. A major future goal of mine is to work abroad in anthropology and archaeology primarily in the Nordic regions. I feel as though this internship provides a starting point in my overall career goals.

Budget & Budget Narrative:

The initial cost of the internship is \$2,781.00. This includes lodging, supplies, food, local transportation, and access to various educational and cultural centers. The internship cost does not include airfare transportation as those would be considered personal expenses.

