

2024 Cottonwood Scholarships at Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens

Internship Opportunities for college students in Long Beach!

The Rancho Los Alamitos "Cottonwood Scholar Program" seeks three temporary, part-time Cottonwood Scholars to support our organization's educational mission from June 2024 into fall 2024. [Rancho Los Alamitos](#) Historic Ranch & Gardens is a nationally landmarked historic site and cultural resource adjacent to CSULB. Our mission is to educate and engage our guests by sharing our rich history, compelling stories, and authentic connections to California's past, sparking curiosity and inspiring a sense of community. To fulfill this mission, the Rancho commits to promoting, reflecting, and exemplifying diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of our operations.

The time commitment for Cottonwood Scholars is approximately 5-10 hours weekly (130 hours total). Cottonwood Scholars will receive a \$2000 scholarship each. Rancho Los Alamitos will distribute an initial payment of \$1000 at the beginning of each project, with the final distribution being made when all requirements have been fulfilled.

Position Descriptions & Duties:

- The **Education Scholar** will develop a smartphone tour of the historic site focused on its labor history. The smartphone tour will bring the stories of ranch workers and tenant farmers to the forefront. Visitors will access the self-guided tour on their own devices. The Scholar will collaborate with experts, review information, select and write tour stops, record audio, photograph and upload imagery, and create supplementary signage or handouts. The Scholar will gain experience in museum interpretation and digital storytelling.
- The **Social Media Scholar** will work closely with staff to create a calendar of social media posts that elevate the Rancho's online presence. These posts will be educational, highlighting significant aspects of the site's history and carefully considering underrepresented narratives and cultural heritage celebrations. Apart from social media posts, this Scholar will research and write blog posts that expand on the information shared on social media. This Scholar will gain experience in outreach, public engagement, and research.
- The **Accessibility Scholar** will create digital tours of the Rancho for onsite locations that are not easily accessible to all visitors. The Scholar will create a virtual version of these locations using digital software and photography equipment, adding significant interpretive information and engaging experiences. This Scholar will contribute to the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility commitments of the Rancho and gain expertise in digital documentation and storytelling.

Requirements: The selected Scholars will work under the direction and supervision of Rancho staff but must be self-starters who can work independently and collaboratively and adhere to deadlines. The ideal candidates are those working on associate, undergraduate, or graduate degrees with excellent written and verbal communication skills. Prior humanities, museum studies, sociology, or marketing coursework is desirable. The candidates must have transportation, Microsoft Office competence, and regular meeting availability.

To Apply: Email Chris Fountain, Manager of Education & Public Engagement, at chrisf@rancholosalamitos.org with the following materials. Please include "Cottonwood Scholarship" in the subject line.

-- Resume or C.V.

-- Cover letter including a statement of purpose referencing area(s) of interest

The application deadline is Sunday, March 31, 2024. Applications will be reviewed during the first week of April with decisions announced by April 15.