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Internship Opportunity

ASI, a cultural heritage resource consulting firm headquartered in Toronto, is offering the following paid internship opportunity to a graduate student intern for a 16 week period, starting **May 4 2015**. The objective of the internship is to engage a highly motivated student to execute a research project under the supervision of a Cultural Heritage Specialist at ASI.

Final applications must be received by **5:00 pm on March 27th, 2015** and **shortlisted candidates will be interviewed in early April**.

Terms and Qualifications

The successful candidate:

- is currently enrolled in a Canadian university and studying under the supervision of a faculty member in one of the following areas: cultural or historical geography; landscape architecture; regional, environmental, ecological or agricultural planning; history; and/or anthropology. Those from other disciplines who demonstrate significant experience in the principles and practice of cultural landscape planning will be considered;
- has an interest in applying a multidisciplinary approach to cultural landscape management, and a willingness to conduct research and report writing in a non-academic setting;
- can demonstrate good organizational and analytical skills, and has the ability to write clearly and concisely, and the ability and flexibility to work effectively in both a team environment and independently;
- has an understanding of, and ability to use, geographic information system data sets;
- has a valid driver's license in good standing;
- has an understanding of Ontario's municipal and provincial legislative and policy context for conservation and land use planning; and
- is a self-starter with excellent time-management skills.

Goals: The successful intern will complete a project that researches and documents innovative methods for effectively assessing and managing multi-property, cross jurisdictional landscapes valued for their cultural, natural, and scenic character resources. Using relevant definitions presented as part of the 2015 review of the Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) and in Ontario's 2014 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) to establish a relevant policy context, the research project will be designed to develop and test a methodology for identifying, evaluating, and managing multiscalar cultural and natural landscapes. It is anticipated that the research project will address the following:

- Concepts and methods for assessing, managing and sustaining cross jurisdictional landscapes. It is anticipated that existing approaches used in the field of landscape or historical ecology will be evaluated, including research investigating community and economic impacts of scenic resource conservation.
- Existing regulatory tools used in Ontario jurisdictions for identifying, assessing, and managing natural and cultural landscapes.
- Methods and planning mechanisms used in other Canadian and American jurisdictions for managing cultural and natural landscapes. This review should include, but not be limited to, assessment of methods and practice developed in the State of Wisconsin, and in collaboration with the Niagara Escarpment Resource Network.

Outcome: The intern will complete specific tasks agreed upon at the outset of the internship. The research project will culminate in presentation of an approach for identifying and managing cultural and natural landscapes, tailored to Ontario's Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP) area, but applicable to other landscape planning areas such as the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Greenbelt, the Niagara Parks Commission, and the St. Lawrence Parks for example.

This method will be tested by the intern on select sites, located within or adjacent to the NEP area. The intern will be responsible for directing all research tasks and preparing a 20-page paper at the completion of the internship, presenting results of research conducted. This research will contribute to a policy paper series published by SUNY Buffalo (2016) and a book chapter published by University of Ottawa Press (2018) as part of the Borders In Globalization initiative

Application Process: Applications must be received by **5:00 pm on March 27th, 2015**. Electronic submissions should be sent to the attention of Carol Bella (cbella@asiheritage.ca) with "ASI - Borders in Globalization Internship" noted in the subject line of the email. Hard copy applications should be submitted to the following mailing address:

Attn: Ms. Carol Bella - ASI Borders in Globalization Internship
528 Bathurst Street
Toronto, Ontario
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Prospective applicants must include the following information in their submission:

- Letter of interest outlining their qualifications and experience;
- 500 word summary of approach for developing a research work plan and meeting the goals of the internship;
- Curriculum Vitae; and
- The names and contact information of two academic referees.



Administration:

- The successful applicant will be required to meet with the ASI supervisor on a weekly basis to review and discuss work completed to date and resolve any project issues or challenges. Given the scope of deliverables intended to be produced, it is expected that the successful applicant will work 36.25 hours per week.
- It is anticipated that research materials and archival resources managed by the Niagara Escarpment Commission (NEC) will be available for on-site review in Georgetown, Ontario, provided that advance notice is provided to NEC representatives and in collaboration with the ASI supervisor.
- The successful applicant will receive a financial stipend of \$15,000 for the duration of the internship.

Background: ASI was founded in 1980 in response to increasing public awareness of the importance of Ontario's heritage resources, particularly archaeological sites, cultural landscapes, and heritage buildings, and offers the widest array of heritage consulting services in the province, including research, planning, design and development of cultural heritage resources (<http://www.asiheritage.ca>). As one of its core values, ASI is dedicated to disseminating our work in both academic and not academic forums. As such, we are currently working with Borders In Globalization (BIG), an international research network dedicated to the advancement of border management in Canada and worldwide, with the goal of producing publications dealing with the concept of borders in archaeology and cultural heritage (<http://www.biglobalization.org>).

