



FELLOWSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION

Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellowship: Curatorial Research Fellowship

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Fellowship runs from June 9-August 14, 2020

During the wars of the 18th century at least 45,000 soldiers from across North America and Europe served at Ticonderoga. The Fort Ticonderoga Museum is beginning a project to respond to the increasing interest in genealogical inquiries the museum regularly receives. This initiative will ultimately constitute a database consisting of soldier's names, their military units, dates of service at Ticonderoga, and links to the sources for historical documents. A necessary first step is to generate a comprehensive military timeline of Fort Ticonderoga's occupation from the construction of Fort Carillon at beginning of the French and Indian War in 1755 until the end of the American War of Independence in 1783.

The Fort Ticonderoga Museum is seeking a Curatorial Research Fellow to generate this timeline using the resources in Fort Ticonderoga's library and archives. The Fellow will conduct research on the various armies that sent soldiers to Ticonderoga and develop a format to represent the troops present at Ticonderoga at any given historical moment. This document will inform future research for the soldier's database project and the Fellow will provide steps for expanding on this initial timeline for future researchers. The position will require a background in historical military research combined with creativity and problem solving to visualize the changing garrisons of Ticonderoga.

The 2020 Edward W. Pell Research Fellow will:

- Research the military occupation of Ticonderoga from 1755 through 1783.
- Use the museum's library and collections generate a bibliography of Ticonderoga's military occupation.
- Develop a format to represent the troops present at Ticonderoga at a given historical date.
- Generate a plan for future research to expand from military units to individuals to guide the development of the Ticonderoga soldiers database

The Research Fellow must be creative with an ability to represent and visualize complex historical themes, be detail-oriented, organized, and able to manage multiple sources

simultaneously and independently. Experience with military history at the collegiate level is expected, but candidates in other fields with an interest in the topic are welcome to apply. Experience working with archival documents and/or museum objects is preferred.

Applicants must submit a resume, cover letter, and an example of a research-based project (the candidate may interpret this as they choose. Pieces may include papers (no more than 5 pages) graphics or label copy from an exhibition, a video, or other media).

Applications should be submitted to Rich Strum, Director of Academic Programs, at rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org no later than January 25, 2020.