

Preservation Alliance Internship: Summer 2010

The Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia is offering a summer 2010 internship, funded by an Intern in Community Service grant from the Samuel S. Fels Fund.

Intern Project

The 2010 Samuel S. Fels Intern in Community Service will assist the Preservation Alliance to continue a program to increase awareness of the significance of mid-20th Century Modern Architecture. The project will consist of creating an inventory of mid-20th century Modern architecture in Philadelphia and updating the Preservation Alliance's thematic concept statement for mid-20th century Modern architecture (see Survey Reports, under Survey of Historic Resources at www.preserverphiladelphia.org). The inventory will identify the most notable examples of mid-century architecture in the city of Philadelphia. It is not expected that this will be a comprehensive inventory; rather it will focus on the work of the most prominent local architects and the work of architects of national standing, many of which are already identified in the thematic context statement. Once the inventory has been created, priorities will be established and at least two nominations will be prepared for buildings suitable for listing either on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places or the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the intern will help the Alliance organize a Modern Architecture Committee to continue this work.

Qualifications

The successful applicant should be comfortable and effective working in a team setting. He or she will have an undergraduate degree and be pursuing an advance degree in historic preservation, history, or a related field. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required along with strong organizational skills, computer competency in Word, Excel and in the use of Internet for communications and research. Some travel within the city of Philadelphia may be necessary. Prior course work or other familiarity with mid-20th Century Modern architecture is desirable but not essential.

Compensation: \$6,000 over 12 weeks.

Other Internship Opportunities

Candidates who apply for but are not selected for the Fels Intern position may be eligible for one or two paid internship positions the Alliance will offer in conjunction with the Philadelphia Historical Commission. Applicants interested in these positions should indicate such interest in their application.

To Apply: Send Cover letter indicating reason for interest in the intern position and prior experience or knowledge of mid-20th Century Modern architecture (if any), vita/resume, and two to three academic references. Please send via email to: Melissa@preservationalliance.com.

Deadline: Apply by **April 2, 2010**; Expected start date: negotiable, but not later than June 1, 2010 preferred.

For more information about the Preservation Alliance, see the Preservation Alliance's Web site: <http://www.preservationalliance.com> (Click Mission/History under "About" section.)