



Archaeology Field Internships (4 positions) – Locust Grove, VA 2025

Historic Germanna is accepting applications for Excavation Interns (4 positions). We are looking for individuals seeking to build their experience working as archaeological technicians.

Germanna Archaeology is a program run by the non-profit, Historic Germanna. The ongoing project serves to educate both the wider public and starting archaeologists (through hosting the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Field School and engagement with volunteers). This summer season will concentrate on excavation of the sites of Germanna’s settlements near Locust Grove, Virginia (Orange County).

Successful candidates will help excavate and interpret the sites of Fort Germanna (ca. 1714), Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood’s Germanna home (the Enchanted Castle, ca. 1720), the historic town of Germanna (ca. 1724), and the Gordon Farm (first half of the 1800s). Much of the experience will focus on field excavation and data recovery, though interns will also help with lab, survey, and monitoring tasks (common CRM skills). Completion of Field School or equivalent experience required.

These positions are designed for upper-level students or recent college graduates who want to develop and improve their skills and understanding of archaeological field methods. They are an opportunity to gain excavation and recording experience on a complex, multi-component site and to work with the public, volunteers, field school students, and highly experienced professionals. Interns will use shovels and trowels to excavate natural layers, hand excavate features, screen soils, and record and draw features/layers, as well as many other tasks. Germanna offers generous opportunities for interns to pursue professional and educational interests and will provide training in any and all fieldwork-related skills within our abilities.

Goals of the project seek to study the peoples of Germanna – the Manahoac and other Indigenous peoples, the British colonizers, German immigrants who settled at Germanna in the 1710s, and enslaved Africans who lived and worked in the community. Work continues to define the unique archaeological resources, examining the archaeological site as a place in time, and connecting the past with peoples today.

Public outreach has been a key component to the Germanna Archaeology program. Although access to the site is limited, we treat the site as a public archaeology site where field staff is expected to interact with visitors. “Open House” events are regularly scheduled. COVID brought some operational changes, but we wish interns to participate in-person events (when appropriate) as well as through digital formats such as videos, blog postings, or webinar updates.

The upcoming 12-week summer season runs from May 27 to August 15, 2025. We excavate 40 hours a week, typically Monday - Friday. Fieldwork takes place outdoors and in full sun. The position pays \$18 an hour. Per diem, housing, and meals are NOT included.

Applications will be accepted until positions are filled; however, decision process will begin March 3, 2025. Interested candidates should e-mail a resume and cover letter to Dr. Eric Larsen, Director of Archaeology, at elarsen@germanna.org.