

George Washington Internship Announcement

The George Washington/Mount Vernon internship is an opportunity for students to directly contribute to the production of a book on Washington historic sites and memorials in the Washington D.C. vicinity.

Students will be expected to research, write and help conceptualize a guide book on Washington under the direction of Marc Sandalow, Bay Area journalist and UC Merced Washington director, and Ann Bay, historical director at Mount Vernon. The book is scheduled to be published in 2010.

Students will participate in an intensive course on Washington, historical research techniques, and writing. They will each be assigned as many as 10 historic sites to research and summarize for the book. It is anticipated that their time will be roughly divided between Mount Vernon (about 20 miles from the UCDC campus), site visits, and a workspace at the UCDC center.

Possible readings include *Washington: The Indispensable Man*, by James Thomas Flexner, *His Excellency: George Washington*, by Joseph Ellis, *In the Footsteps of George Washington*, by William G. Clotworthy and *1776*: by David McCullough.

The guide book will be published in conjunction with a joint UC and Mount Vernon project (*Memorializing George Washington in the 21st Century*.) The project envisions an academic conference and a public session in Spring 2010, and the release of the guide book targeted for Presidents Day 2010.

The internship is especially suited for students with an interest in history, historical research, museums or writing. Participants will be rewarded with recognition in the guide book, which will be sold at Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian, and throughout the Washington area. The internship will meet four days a week, and can be tailored for both quarter and semester students.

Students interested should send a cover letter, resume and writing sample to Marc Sandalow (Marc.Sandalow@ucdc.edu) no later than December 17. Feel free to contact Marc with any questions, either by e-mail or at 202-974-6204)