

**NC African American Heritage Commission**  
**“Growing Our Griots: Strengthening North Carolina’s Black Heritage-Keeper”**  
*Student Professional Development Opportunity*

About the NC African American Heritage Commission:

The North Carolina General Assembly created the African American Heritage Commission (AAHC) in 2008 to “assist the Secretary of Cultural Resources in the preservation, interpretation, and promotion of African American history, arts, and culture.” With this legislation, the AAHC identified African American heritage practitioners, such as curators, docents, and museum directors, as priority service populations. The AAHC became a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) in 2017 and partners with the department’s affiliate agencies and constituents across North Carolina to achieve the commission’s mission of preserving, protecting, and promoting North Carolina’s African American history, art, and culture, for all people.

Project Background:

“Growing Our Griots” will develop a webinar series and a suite of digital technical leaflets to support and strengthen African American public humanities practitioners that lead, work in, and volunteer in or with history museums, house museums, historic sites, and cultural centers that interpret African American History; and grassroots groups, nonprofits, and advocates that preserve African American neighborhoods, historic properties, and cultural spaces.

Objectives:

To connect African American students, and/or those students committed to preserving African American history and culture, with meaningful professional development opportunities. Additionally, to connect these students to a broader network of African American heritage practitioners.

Expectation:

- Students will commit to participating in each of the eight “Growing Our Griots” webinars between February-August 2022.
- Students will craft a reflection of their experience participating in the webinar series

Stipend:

- Students will be provided with an \$800 stipend (\$100/webinar), to be paid out in two increments.

**Education Requirement:**

Student must be a graduate student in History, Public History, African American History/Studies, American Studies, or related field.

**To Participate:**

- Submit your resume and a statement of interest to [ncaahc@ncdcr.gov](mailto:ncaahc@ncdcr.gov). Please use subject line **ARP Student Participant**. Students (a maximum of four) will be selected based on the merits of their



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Internship Description **ion deadline: December 10, 2021.**