

2026 Cottonwood Scholarship at Rancho Los Alamitos Historic Ranch & Gardens

Internship Opportunity for CSULB Students!

A historic site in East Long Beach, [Rancho Los Alamitos](#)' mission is to educate and engage visitors by sharing our rich history, compelling stories, and authentic connections to California's past, thus inspiring a sense of community. To fulfill this goal, the Rancho aims to promote, reflect, and exemplify diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in all aspects of its operations.

We are seeking a temporary, part-time Public Programs Cottonwood Scholar to support our organization's programming goals from summer into fall 2026. The time commitment is approximately 5-10 hours weekly. Interns will receive a \$2000 scholarship each. An initial payment of \$1000 will be distributed at the beginning of the project, and the final distribution will be made when all requirements have been fulfilled.

Position Descriptions & Duties:

Public Program Intern:

This intern will work closely with staff to plan, create, and implement public programming for our public visitors. Specifically, this intern will work towards expanding RLA's engagement by surveying local institutions (i.e. colleges) to see what type of programs potential visitors would like to participate in. After researching public needs and wants, this intern will work closely with RLA's program manager to design a series of programs/events that help cater to the findings of their research. While engaging and interactive, these programs will also fit into RLA's mission and vision framework, with a clear connection to the site's history, facilities, and/or broader connection to the region. This position involves research, activity planning, and reflection. This intern will gain experience in outreach, public engagement, research, and event planning.

Requirements:

- This internship is for currently registered California State University Long Beach students.
- The selected intern will work under the direction and supervision of Rancho staff but also must be a self-starter who can work independently and collaboratively and adhere to deadlines.
- The ideal candidates are those working on associate degrees and have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Prior humanities, museum studies, sociology, or marketing coursework is desirable.
- The interns must have reliable transportation, competence in Microsoft Office Suite, and availability for regular meetings.

To Apply: Email the following in PDF format to Chris Fountain, Director of Education & Public Engagement, chrisf@rancholosalamitos.org. Please include "Cottonwood CSULB Scholarship" in the subject line.

- Resume or C.V.
- Cover letter including a statement of purpose referencing their area of interest
- [optional] Portfolio showcasing relevant work

The application deadline is Monday, April 20, 2026.