American Friends of the Jewish Museum Hohenems

2027 Summer Internship at the Jewish Museum in Hohenems, Austria

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The American Friends of the Jewish Museum Hohenems ("AFJMH") will sponsor one or more individuals with a strong interest in Jewish history, to serve as a summer intern at the Jewish Museum in Hohenems, Austria in the summer of 2027. Descendants of a Jewish family that formerly resided in Hohenems, Austria are strongly encouraged to apply.

Purpose: This internship is an opportunity for the right person to gain an in-depth understanding and appreciation of the history, culture and practices of the former Jewish community in Hohenems, Austria, while assisting the Director and staff of the Museum in a variety of projects designed to document, showcase and preserve the unique history, culture and practices of that community. The intern will also benefit from living and working abroad for a significant period of time, meeting new people and experiencing a different culture.

Term: The AFJMH internship will be for a term of approximately eight weeks, beginning in early June and terminating in late July. (Exact dates will be set by mutual agreement with the Museum).

Work Requirements: The AFJMH intern will be expected to work at the Museum, or at an alternative work location designated by the Director of the Museum, for approximately 35-40 hours each week during the term of the internship. The intern will be under the direct supervision of the Director of the Museum. At the end of the internship, the intern shall prepare an article for the AFJMH newsletter, *In Touch,* outlining his/her experiences during the term of the internship and what he/she has learned through the internship.

Projects: The AFJMH intern will work on projects assigned by the Director of the Museum and/or her staff, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Working on the Genealogy Data Base and researching family history of living descendants.
- Maintaining a social media presence for the Museum and/or the AFJMH, including a blog post with regular updates which may be maintained after the internship has concluded.
- Assisting the Museum staff with research and preparation for upcoming exhibits and special events at the Museum.
- Serving as a museum guide or liaison to the local community.
- Working on such other projects as the Director of the Museum or her staff have designed to document, showcase and/or preserve the unique history, culture and practices of the former Jewish Community of Hohenems.

Stipend: AFJMH will pay the intern a stipend of $2,000 in U.S. dollars for the 8-week internship. A 1099 Misc. form will be issued as the intern will not be deemed an employee by AFJMH.

Travel expenses: AFJMH will also reimburse the intern for the cost of transportation (up to $2,000 USD) to and from Hohenems, Austria. The intern will make his/her own travel arrangements and provide receipts to AFJMH to document travel expenses for reimbursement.

Host Family: The Director of the Museum will find a family in Hohenems that is willing and able to host the intern, including providing suitable lodging and meals, for the entire term of the internship. AFJMH will provide a stipend to the host family of USD $1000 for the entire term of the internship to help defray the expenses of hosting the intern.

Qualifications/Requirements: Applicants must:

- Have a genuine interest in history, politics, geography, culture, languages, international affairs and/or exploring their family heritage.
- Be at least 18 years old and currently enrolled in a college or university program at the undergraduate or graduate level.
- Have excellent English written and oral communication skills. The ability to read and speak German would be helpful but is not a requirement. The applicant who is not conversant in German should expect to work and live in an environment where the German language is spoken predominantly (without necessarily accommodating the applicant's own language preference).
- Have a valid passport with an expiration date beyond December 31, 2027.
- Provide proof of adequate health insurance that will cover the need for any medical treatment while in Austria.
- Agree to abide by a code of conduct for the internship and sign a general waiver of liability for participation in the program.

Application Process: Applicants must complete the attached application form and also submit a statement of their interest and qualifications for this internship (which may be in the form of a cover letter) by no later than December 31, 2026, by mail to: Claude A. Rollin, Esq., 15743 Buena Vista Drive, Derwood, MD or by email to: clauderollin1@gmail.com. Applicants will be contacted for interviews in mid-January 2027. We anticipate these will be telephone or Zoom interviews. The Museum will select and AFJMH will notify the most qualified candidate(s) by no later than February 15, 2027.

We reserve the right not to select an applicant and to change or cancel the program at any time without notice or justification.

For Further Information Contact: Claude Rollin by email at clauderollin1@gmail.com or David Taenzer at dtaenzer@gmail.com.

JEWISH MUSEUM HOHENEMS INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell _____

Home address: _____ Email: _____ Age: _____

University/College: _____ GPA: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Are you a descendant of a Jewish family that previously resided in Hohenems and, if so, which family?

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Have you had previous internship experience? (if so, briefly describe):

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What classes are you taking presently or have completed that relate to your areas of interest?

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What do you hope to gain from your internship experience?

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Do you have any concerns about committing to an internship?

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How proficient are you in speaking, reading or writing German?

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What causes you to feel that you would be a good fit for this internship program? _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____