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Project Summary	The Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative is seeking interns to participate in its ongoing research project about the intentional destruction of cultural sites during conflict.
Country	United States

Project Description

Interns will work remotely to collect, analyze, and code instances of cultural destruction and cultural sites that have been, or are vulnerable to, intentional damage. The result of this project will be a data resource for future research. This effort is critical to identifying sites that may be at-risk during periods of violence. The internship is open to anyone, but those with language skills in Arabic, Sinhalese, Tamil, Bosnian, or Serbo-Croatian are especially encouraged to apply.
The Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative (SCRI) works to protect cultural heritage threatened or impacted by disasters and to help U.S. and international communities preserve their identities and history. SCRI projects include cultural rescue work in Haiti, Syria, Iraq, Egypt, Mali, Nepal, and the U.S., as well as disaster training for heritage colleagues, first responders, and military personnel around the world.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)
Analytical writing
Coding
Cultural diplomacy
Data analysis
Editing and proofreading
Political Analysis
Research
Storytelling/blogging/vlogging
Writing

Additional Information

This internship requires a commitment of 10 hours/week for the 2020-2021 school year. Interns will be working collaboratively with other VSFS interns, so applicants must be communicative via email and able to join regular conference calls.

Language Requirements

Language	Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Bosnian	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Arabic	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Singhalese	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Tamil	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have
Serbo-Croatian	Limited working proficiency	Limited working proficiency	Nice to Have