
Image Permanence Institute Internship in Preservation Research

The Image Permanence Institute (IPI), in cooperation with the Association of Moving image Archivists, has established the Image Permanence Institute Internship in Preservation Research. The Image Permanence Institute is a university-based, nonprofit research laboratory devoted to scientific research in the preservation of visual and other forms of recorded information. IPI was founded in 1985 through the combined efforts and sponsorship of the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T).

The purpose of the IPI Internship is to give a student of merit who is committed to the preservation of moving images the opportunity to acquire practical experience in preservation research.

The IPI intern will gain knowledge of IPI activities, which include research on media stability, condition evaluation of collections, environmental assessment, and the development of management tools for various media.

Intern activities at IPI might include designing and conducting research, developing preservation strategies for collections, or assisting with ongoing IPI research projects.

Scholarship Information

The student selected as the IPI Intern receives a \$5000 stipend to be used for living expenses during the three-month internship and reimbursement of travel fares to and from Rochester, New York related to the IPI Internship.

Eligibility

To be eligible, a student:

- must be enrolled (full time or part time) in a moving image preservation/archival educational program; or must be accepted into such a program for the next academic year.
- must have completed at least half of their program's course load before the time of the internship.
- must have a grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in his/her academic program.
- must have strong organizational and interpersonal skills, and have a demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in moving image preservation.

Important factors in the selection of recipients include: a student's commitment to pursuing a career in moving image archiving; the quality of a student's academic record; and the strength of a student's program of study as it applies to moving image archiving.

Applications

Applications for the IPI Internship are available from the AMIA office and on the website beginning in February each year and due no later than May 1st. The Internship is awarded in late July.