

Boise State University  
**Masters in Applied Historical Research**

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Established in 2000, the Masters of Applied Historical Research prepares students for non-academic public history careers in libraries, museums, businesses, and public agencies. MAHR students complete a community-oriented written or multimedia "project" in lieu of an academic thesis. Areas of emphasis include museums, urban studies, and cultural resource management. Internships connect students to prospective employers.

**Type of Program:** Public History Graduate Program

**Degree(s) offered:** M.A. in History  
Masters of Applied Historical Research

**Concentration(s):** Museum Studies  
Historic Preservation  
Material History  
Local/Community History  
Editing  
Oral History  
Public Policy  
Non-Print Media/Media studies  
Publishing

**Course Offerings:** Seminar in Applied Historical Research (annually, if needed). Many speciality workshops and internships.

**Thesis required?** No

**Special project required?** Yes

**Description:** The six-credit project is a work of original scholarship for a non-academic audience. All projects have a written component. Examples include historical documentaries, web-based historical atlases, published historical guidebooks, and urban-studies policy reports.

**Credit Hour Requirement:** 33 credits

**Internship Required?** Yes

**Who arranges internships?** The department internship coordinator

**Credit hours earned for internships:** Up to 12 credit hours.

**Who evaluates internship? What are the criteria for evaluation?** The masters of applied history has a sophisticated internship program with dedicated faculty supervision. The faculty internship coordinator devises the program and evaluates.

**Places where students have interned in the past three years:**

- Idaho State Historical Society
- City of Boise
- Basque Museum
- Idaho Military History Museum
- Hagerman Fossil Beds
- Canyon County's Celebration Park
- Center for Idaho History and Politics

**Admission Requirements:**

- Minimum GPA: 3.2
- Statement of Purpose
- Letter(s) of Recommendation
- Transcripts
- Writing Sample
- GRE Aptitude Score

**Financial Aid Available:**

- Loans
- Scholarships
- Assistantships
- Stipends
- Fellowships
- Tuition Waiver
- In-State Status

**Maximum annual stipend for:** MA: 10000 PhD: N/A

**Average number of students who receive:** Stipend: four Scholarships: N/A

**How many students are admitted annually?** BA: N/A MA: five PhD: N/A

**Placement assistance offered?** We rely on the internships and community connections.

**Employers who have hired your graduates in the past three years:**

- Idaho State Historical Library and Archives
- Idaho State History Museum
- National Park Service
- City of Boise.