



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
invites applications for the position of:

# Research Historian -- Temporary Solutions

**JOB CLASS TITLE:** S-Natural, Historic & Cultural Resources

**POSITION NUMBER:** 29539

**DEPARTMENT:** Office of State Human Resources

**SALARY RANGE:** \$7.25 - \$16.71 Hourly

**SALARY GRADE / SALARY GRADE EQUIVALENT:** TS

**COMPETENCY LEVEL:** Not Applicable

**APPOINTMENT TYPE:** Temporary Full-Time

**WORK LOCATION:** Wake County

**OPENING DATE:** 11/03/17

**CLOSING DATE:** 11/20/17 5:00 PM Eastern Time

**DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

**NOTE:** If you are a current NC State Government employee, you will not be considered for a temporary assignment. *Temporary Solutions* cannot accommodate dual employment.

**This temporary position is located in Raleigh/Wake County. There are no leave or retirement benefits offered. Visit [www.nctemporarysolutions.com](http://www.nctemporarysolutions.com) for employment information.**

**Hourly Rate of Pay: \$7.25 - \$16.71 (Based on education and/or years of relevant work experience reflected on the application)  
Average 30 hours per work week**

This temporary position will be assigned to the Department of Cultural Resources/NC Arts Council. The primary purpose of this position is to act as Research Historian for *Green Books' "Oasis Spaces": African American Travel in NC, 1936-1966*, a federally-funded project of the NC African American Heritage Commission. The Research Historian will be charged with the principal duty of researching the 327 North Carolina sites listed in "The Negro Motorist Green Book" between 1936 and 1966. The Research Historian will work to identify approximate locations of forty-six (46) sites with "unknown" statuses, verify and fact-check existing data, collect archival materials related to NC Green Book sites, write historical literature detailing their research process, and occasionally engage with stakeholders and project partners. The Research Historian will also manage student interns as they produce work and collect data to support his or her primary duties. The Research Historian's research will provide the foundation for a traveling exhibit, and will be used to develop an interactive "NC Green Books' 'Oasis Spaces'" web portal.

The Research Historian will perform the following:

- Identify approximate locations of forty-six (46) NC Green Book sites with "unknown" statuses.

- Gather digital and/or physical archival materials for 10% (thirty-three [33]) of NC Green Book sites, including advertisements, photographs and directory entries.
- Work with interns and department staff to obtain present-day photograph of each of the 327 NC Green Book locations.
- Write "white paper" document detailing research process for Green Book project.
- Write appendix that includes listing of non-Green Book, African American business districts in North Carolina, as well as listing of Green Book "legacy businesses."
- Supervise, manage and review the work of two (2) student interns per semester/break during the Spring 2018 semester and Summer 2018 break, as they:
  - Collect historical images of family owners and/or customers of thirty-three (33) Green Book businesses.
  - Write historical profiles of each of the 327 NC Green Book sites.
  - Conduct oral history interviews in key North Carolina communities with family owners and/or customers of thirty-three (33) Green Book businesses.
- Collaborate with AAHC and DNCR staff to provide professional development training, centered on effectively communicating Jim Crow Era history to public audiences, to heritage practitioners at a minimum of five (5) partner institutions across state.
- Identify meaningful and compelling quotes and images for traveling exhibit and NC Green Books' 'Oasis Spaces'" web portal.
- Engage with project Advisory Board and stakeholders, and respond to requests for historical information.

#### **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES / COMPETENCIES:**

**[NOTE: Qualified applicants must meet and reflect on their application training and experience and all knowledge, skills, abilities and any experience or competencies specified in the supplemental question(s) to be considered.]**

- Must have considerable, demonstrated knowledge of and experience researching and/or interpreting African American history and culture.
- Must have excellent writing skills, and be familiar with word processing and database management.
- Must be familiar with gathering digital and/or physical archival materials.
- Must have demonstrated experience conducting historical research, particularly using resources like maps, city directories, deeds and newspapers, and writing associated historical literature.
- Must have experience supervising others.

#### **MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

A master's degree in history and two years of progressive experience in a historical agency that has included research experience; or graduation from a four-year college or university preferably with a degree in history and three years of progressive experience in a historical agency that has included research experience; or an equivalent combination of training and experience.

#### **Management Preferences:**

- Master's degree in history, public history, African American studies, Cultural Studies or Southern U.S. History, and 2 years' experience working in or with African American cultural organizations.
- Demonstrated experience supervising and managing student interns.
- Knowledge of and experience working with the digital humanities and/or GIS technology.
- Experience working with and communicating effectively with diverse cultural organizations and individuals. Knowledge of an experience researching 20th century (Jim Crow Era)

African American history.

- Demonstrated ability to work independently, multi-task, adapt quickly, and communicate effectively.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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