

**Illinois Humanities  
The Odyssey Project  
MAPH Internship Opportunity**

**Purpose:**

Illinois Humanities is currently seeking to fill an internship position with The Odyssey Project. The Odyssey Project Intern will be expected to provide 300 hours, 30 hours/week over 10 weeks, to the Odyssey Project in the overall execution of both the program's and the organization's missions.

A core program of Illinois Humanities, The Odyssey Project provides college-level instruction in the humanities through seminars led by professors from local colleges and universities. The Odyssey Project offers free seminars in philosophy, literature, art history, U.S. history, and critical thinking & writing for adults who have had limited to no access to higher education and meet income eligibility requirements. Students in the program earn six units of transferable college credit in Humanities 101 from Bard College for their participation in and completion of the first-year course and six units of transferable college credit in Humanities 201 from Bard for their successful completion of the second-year course. The Odyssey Project offers first-year courses in the Chicago neighborhoods of Woodlawn, Uptown, and Pilsen, and in Champaign-Urbana. The courses taught in Pilsen are offered in Spanish. The Odyssey Project also offers a 2-week summer high school program called Sojourner Scholars for students from South Side neighborhood CPS schools. For more information: <https://www.ilhumanities.org/program/the-odyssey-project/>

**Internship Summary:**

The Odyssey Project Intern will:

- \* Assist the Director of the Odyssey Project in recruiting new students by identifying and visiting potential recruiting partners.
- \* Assist Odyssey Project Site Coordinators with applications, accepting new students, and setting up sites for the new academic year.
- \* Assist the Program Coordinator of the Odyssey Project High School Program (Sojourner Scholars) in carrying out the logistics of the 2-week summer session in late-July.
- \* Assist high school program summer faculty with course management, field trips, and other extracurricular activities.
- \* Design and facilitate workshops for Odyssey Project graduates.
- \* Help to prepare Odyssey Project public communications.

- \* Assist in the planning and carrying out of Odyssey events.
- \* Administrative duties as necessary—maintain/organize database, collate existing data, identify missing items, regularize the format of data and reports

Required Qualifications:

- \* MAPH graduate.
- \* Genuine interest in Illinois Humanities and its mission.
- \* Verbal and written communication skills
- \* Basic computer skills—Microsoft Office, Web applications, etc.
- \* Must be able to work well with people from a wide diversity of backgrounds.
- \* Must flourish in an environment that is highly transparent and collaborative.
- \* Ability to commute to Illinois Humanities offices in downtown Chicago and high school program site in Hyde Park.
- \* Spanish language skills preferred but not required.

About Illinois Humanities:

Illinois Humanities is devoted to building a more enriched Illinois by promoting critical inquiry and civic engagement through involvement in the humanities. Illinois Humanities works to bring the humanities to all Illinoisans, regardless of their economic resources, cultural background, or geographic location. Illinois Humanities offers lectures, public discussions, performances, exhibitions, and educational programs —all free and open to the public.

For more information on our programs, visit our website:

[www.ilhumanities.org](http://www.ilhumanities.org)

To Apply

Submit resume and cover letter to the MAPH office.