

**Boise City Canal Company
History Extension Service Opportunity Description**

History Intern (1 student, Boise, ID – 16th Street and W Fairview Avenue)

Why you should apply!

This local irrigation Canal has a rich history dating back to before 1866. The canal is still in use today, and is one of the most urbanized canals in Idaho. The canal starts east of Warm Springs golf course, winds its way through downtown Boise, and then continues through Boise's North End and into Northwest Boise neighborhoods. There are still several original water wheels in use along the Canal. Long segments of the Canal are piped, but it is still open and visible along the greenbelt near Warm Springs Golf Course, at the City Park at 5th and Grove Streets (with a water wheel), and through sections of the North End and northwest Boise neighborhoods that it passes through. Much of downtown Boise was built around the Canal. The Canal is a Non-Profit Corporation not part of the City of Boise government.

Overview

The Canal Company primarily focuses on providing irrigation water to its shareholders but also provides geothermal waste water mitigation along Warm Spring Boulevard and for street and roof drains in downtown Boise. This internship position will focus on assembling a history of the Canal, and then creating public information/graphics for the Canal Company website, and a planned urban renewal project along Grove Street. The position will involve working with Canal Company employees and board members to understand Canal operations and locations, researching canal history, and creating publicly shareable information.

Project duties

Interns will be tasked with:

- Researching canal history
- Documenting written and pictorial canal history.
- Developing a concept display for the Company website, reviewing the concept with Canal staff and board members, and then finalizing the website display.
- Developing concept sign boards for the Grove Street urban renewal project, reviewing the concept with Canal staff and board members and urban renewal project stakeholders, and then finalizing the sign boards for installation.

The successful Internship student will possess the following skills:

- Strong historic research background
- Ability to function in the digital world, using computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone devices, and software to communicate and perform and record work
- Excellent written communication skills
- Ability to work in a team environment and support fellow team members
- Take initiative and work independently with minimal direction

- Ability to think critically paired with the ability to extract information from data while maintaining strong attention to quality, detail, and accuracy

Requirements:

- Pursuit of a Bachelor's or advanced Degree
- High School Diploma or Equivalent

Skills you will develop:

- Application of historic research and documentation skills
- Development of public communication materials and graphics
- Relationship and team building
- Critical thinking

Wage: \$14.25/hour, up to 135 hours