



**Job Opportunity: Robert Silman Fellow for Preservation Engineering**  
**Announcement Date: December 2007**

**Office:** Stewardship of Historic Sites  
**Location:** Washington, DC

**Job Summary**

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is pleased to offer an exciting opportunity to a recent graduate with a Master of Science in Structural Engineering or Master of Science or Arts in Historic Preservation. The Robert Silman Fellow for Preservation Engineering, sponsored by Robert Silman Associates is a 12 month fellowship.

The Robert Silman Fellow will spend the first 6 months in private practice at Robert Silman Associates prior to starting a position for the next 6 months as the Robert Silman Fellow for Preservation Engineering at the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Washington, DC headquarters. In this timeframe, the fellow will be expected to develop preliminary research for a particular area of study to be pursued while at The National Trust for Historic Preservation. This 6 month term as an employee of the National Trust will be under the supervision of the Graham Gund Architect of the National Trust, and will be an intensive period of work that will include master planning, condition assessments, consultant team selection, technical research, materials conservation methods, preventive and corrective maintenance, contract documents, bidding and negotiation practices, contractor selection, job site administration, and distribution of grant funds for various restoration, rehabilitation and preservation projects at the 29 National Trust Historic Sites nationwide. Following this 6 month term at the National Trust, the Fellow will return to Robert Silman Associates. By the end of the 12 month fellowship, the Fellow is required to complete an article of benefit to the field of historic preservation that is suitable for publication in a professional journal and presentation at a suitable conference. Upon successful completion of the fellowship, the Fellow will be hired as a full-time employee of Robert Silman Associates.

This Fellowship offers an exceptional chance to be an active participant at the forefront of historic preservation and develop as a future leader in the field of Preservation Engineering. Robert Silman Fellows will be uniquely qualified to make immediate and lasting contributions to the field of preservation engineering.

**Qualifications**

Motivated applicants with a Master of Science or Master of Arts in Historic Preservation or a Master of Science in Structural Engineering are encouraged to apply. In addition to the Masters degree, the candidate must also possess a BS in Civil Engineering with an emphasis in structures. Candidates who work well under pressure, are willing to travel nationwide upon request, are capable of large work output over a short time span, and possess strong professional interest in historic preservation are encouraged to apply for this valuable opportunity. The selection panel will consist of prominent preservation professionals including the fellowship sponsor, Robert Silman Associates.

To apply for this position, send cover letter, resume, and a brief expression of interest in a specific area of study to the address listed below, by April 1, 2008. The expression of interest will be used to evaluate applicants' writing skills and to identify potential areas of focus for the fellowship and subject for the article.

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