



Robert G. Ripley, Jr. Fellowship in Falmouth Architectural and Local History

The Falmouth Museums on the Green invites applications for the Robert G. Ripley, Jr. Fellowship, a summer research opportunity focused on documenting and interpreting Falmouth's historic built environment. This fellowship is designed for a graduate-level student in architectural history, historic preservation, American studies, art history, or a related field with strong research and writing skills and an interest in public history and architecture.

The Fellow will play a central role in launching a town-wide historic date plaque program in partnership with the Falmouth Historical Commission and the Falmouth Museums on the Green. Responsibilities will include conducting archival research using deeds, surveys, maps, and census data to establish accurate construction dates and ownership histories for historic properties; preparing concise, well-documented property summaries; assisting in the development of standardized architectural descriptions; and helping to organize research files for long-term use in the Historical Society's archives. The Fellow will also contribute to shaping a cohesive interpretive framework that connects individual properties to broader themes in Falmouth's architectural and social history.

The fellowship will run from early June through mid-August, with a flexible schedule about 15 hours per week to be coordinated with supervising staff. A stipend of \$5,000 will be provided. On-site work in Falmouth, Massachusetts will be required, particularly for archival research and field documentation.

The Falmouth Museums on the Green, Falmouth Historical Society, is the oldest historical society on Cape Cod. Its mission is to preserve, share, and celebrate the history and culture of Falmouth through exhibitions, educational programming, and stewardship of its historic properties and collections. This fellowship offers a unique opportunity to contribute to a meaningful, place-based public history initiative while gaining hands-on experience in research, preservation, and community engagement that will change the visual landscape of the town.

To apply, please submit a resume, brief cover letter, and a writing sample to Rachel Lovett, Executive Director, at Rachel@museumsonthegreen.org by April 30, 2026.