Interview Recent Minnesota Governors for Oral Histories

Would you like to conduct first-hand oral histories with the current and former Minnesota governors as well as other important political figures?

Are you fascinated by politics or the political process?

Do you want to learn more about Integrative Leadership in action?

The Center for Integrative Leadership is accepting applications for two or three students in both the summer and the fall to work with the Minnesota Historical Society’s Senior Curator and current CIL Executive Leadership Fellow Pat Coleman. Students will work with Coleman for 15-25 hours over the course of the summer and fall to research and conduct a first-person, substantive oral history of Minnesota governors. This oral history will be a University resource and will be offered to the Minnesota Historical Society for their permanent public affairs holdings.

You will travel to the Minnesota Historical Society and other locations with Coleman to learn about oral history and to conduct an oral history with the current or a former Minnesota governor. Current project participants have begun work on the oral histories of the Arne Carlson and Rudy Perpich administrations. The current Governor Mark Dayton is scheduled to be interviewed this summer as well as other former governors and other important political figures in the fall. You will edit and summarize the oral history and help prepare it for distribution or publication.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest to Katie via cil@umn.edu. Letter of interest should be one page typed and include education background, current field of study, relevant previous experiences, interest in this project, and contact information for two references. Please direct any questions to Katie 612-625-5209 or cil@umn.edu.