

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Research Assistant “Cyber Vault” Project

**The National Security Archive:** Founded in 1985 by journalists and scholars to check rising government secrecy, the nongovernmental National Security Archive combines a unique range of functions: investigative journalism center, research institute on international affairs, library and archive of declassified U.S. documents (“the world’s largest nongovernmental collection” – *Los Angeles Times*), leading non-profit user of the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, public interest law firm defending and expanding public access to government information, global advocate of open government, and indexer and publisher of former secrets. Since 1995, the Archive has been located in Gelman Library at The George Washington University. (See [www.nsarchive.org](http://www.nsarchive.org).)

**Research Tasks:** The Research Assistant will participate in an ongoing project documenting the evolution of US cybersecurity policy. Assignments will involve tracking down US government records and other sources – through Web searches and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests – which detail the development of cybersecurity policy. Documents will be organized, catalogued, examined for leads to other sources, and in most cases posted on a dedicated Website for purposes of public education on the issues. Related research and organizational tasks (potentially including preparation of a chronology, bibliography, or other research guides) will be assigned as needed by the Project Fellow, Michael Martelle.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should be enrolled in a graduate studies program with a focus on national security issues, international affairs, or cyber activities. Applicants should have demonstrated research skills and experience working with government records. Strong organizational talents, a capacity to work independently, and overall reliability are essential.

**Hours:** Candidates should be available to work 20 hours per week at the National Security Archive. Specific times are flexible, and can most likely be arranged according to class schedules.

**Compensation:** \$15 per hour based on a 20-hour work week

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