Paid Internship
Researcher
Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women
Mapping Feminist Cambridge Project

About the Organization
Established in 1977 as a City department by Council ordinance, the **Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW)** works to promote equity for all women and girls and advocates on their behalf with other City departments, officials, and local organizations to increase their opportunities through policy recommendations, program development, and building public awareness in key areas impacting women and girls.

The Cambridge Women’s Commission recognizes, supports, and advocates for all who self-identify as women or with womanhood, including transgender, gender fluid, and non-binary persons. We stand with and for all women and girls regardless of immigration status, sexuality, race, ethnicity, ability or religion.

About the Project
**Mapping Feminist Cambridge** is a series of historic tours focused on the feminist movement in Cambridge from the 1970s–1990s. From the takeover of 888 Memorial Drive, to the formation of the first domestic violence shelter on the East Coast, to one of the earliest feminist bookstores, to the home of the earliest women's studies courses – Mapping Feminist Cambridge is a vibrant account of feminist organizing and politics. Each tour separately highlights three of Cambridge’s vibrant Squares, spans several organizations, and provides context about the movement and its priorities, including: abortion access, racial equity, women in film and print, healing for survivors, lesbian and bisexual visibility, political collectives, and so much more.

With **Central and Inman Square tours** complete, the Cambridge Commission on the Status of Women is currently seeking a researcher to develop the third and final tour for the Mapping Feminist Cambridge series focused on Harvard Square.

Responsibilities include:
- Write a thoroughly-researched tour guide highlighting feminist historical sites from the 1970s-1990s throughout the Harvard Square neighborhood
- Regular meetings with the Advisory Committee to gather ideas and feedback
- Making regular in-person visits to local archives (Schlesinger Library, Northeastern University, UMass Boston, The History Project, etc.) to research and document primary source materials
- Outreach to and conduct interviews with relevant community members
- Host seasonal Harvard Square walking tours for community members

Skills and proficiencies include:
- Interest in feminist history
• Commitment to anti-racism, equity, and inclusion in historical research
• Independent initiative
• Written and verbal communication skills
• Manage time and prioritize deliverables
• Facilitate meetings
• Attention to detail
• Conduct oral history interviews

Commitment and Compensation:
• 10 to 15 hours per week through June 2022
• Opportunity to continue from July 2022 - June 2023
• Rate: $17.19/hour, per City of Cambridge internship compensation

To apply send letter of intent and resume to:
Emily Shield at eshield@cambridgema.gov