

## **Banting House National Historic Site**

Banting House National Historic Site of Canada is the perfect environment for a public history student looking to receive a diverse and realistic experience of the professional small museum. “The Birthplace of Insulin” celebrates not only a great Canadian discovery, but the life and career of Sir Frederick Grant Banting (1891-1941). Interns and volunteers at this museum will gain extensive experience in collections managements, accessioning and cataloging procedures, interpretation for the public, social media in museums, and special events planning. During my internship at Banting House, I worked on several projects including, but not limited to, re-writing the museum tour manual, setting up several social media sites on the internet, and setting up an accessioning system on the newly installed Past Perfect software. In my opinion, conducting tours of the museum was the most rewarding part of my internship. The discovery of insulin is a highly celebrated part of Canadian heritage and it was an honor to be a part of that. This institution offers a fantastic opportunity to preserve the most important Canadian medical discovery of the twentieth century and experience the life of the man you thought you knew—scientist, war hero, artist, patriot—a Canadian for all times, all while witnessing first-hand the relevance and importance of public history as a profession.