GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Performs routine (journey-level) historical research work. Work involves conducting historical research, composing and editing historical reports, analyzing cultural and historical resources for planning purposes, and responding to requests for information involving the history of Texas. Works under moderate supervision, with limited latitude for the use of initiative and independent judgment.

EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED

Conducts historical research, and compiles data on historic people, sites, structures, and events.

Conducts investigations of historic resources for reports and landmark designations.

Responds to requests for historical information, performs background research, and composes narratives and summaries.

Maintains library files, records, and materials.

Assists in preparing and verifying materials presented for publication.

Assists in preparing reports, briefs, and other correspondence.

May conduct workshops and public meetings regarding cultural and historical resources and provide presentations on historical subjects related to Texas.

May edit reports of a historical nature.

May conduct historical interviews.

Performs related work as assigned.

GENERAL QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

Experience in historical research work. Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with major coursework in history, architectural history, American studies, historic preservation, or a related field is generally preferred. Experience and education may be substituted for one another.
KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

Knowledge of the sources, methods, and techniques used in historical research; of Texas history; and of federal and state preservation programs.

Skill in the use of a computer and in applicable software.

Ability to perform historical research; to evaluate and correlate source material; and to communicate effectively.