

Curatorial Internship

The Curatorial Department of the University of Virginia Art Museum offers two internships per semester and two internships in the summer (June–August). Students seeking a future career in arts institutions or cultural centers will gain valuable hands-on experience working with a team of dedicated professionals.

Internship Description

This internship, with its emphasis on object-oriented research and exhibition design, is often well suited for students pursuing art history, studio arts or architecture degrees. The Curatorial Intern works closely with the Curator of Collections and Exhibitions, the Exhibitions Manager and the Preparator. This year the intern will work closely with other members of the Collections staff. Interns will conduct research for the permanent collection and participate in the installation process. This includes but is not limited to assisting with installations, fabrication of object labels, and preparing necessary exhibition furniture. The Intern will also perform some clerical duties. During the academic year interns are required to attend a certain number of exhibition related lectures and events.

Objectives

The internship provides an opportunity for participants to develop patterns of professional behavior and skills, and to apply academic knowledge to a museum work situation. At the end of the internship the student:

- will be able to function as a professional within an Art museum environment, as well as in the broader community of museums
- will have an awareness of current and practical museum issues and trends
- will have gained knowledge of the organizational structure of a museum and developed an understanding of governance and administrative operations
- will have acquired knowledge and skills related to specific areas of museum work
- will have developed the ability to identify, assess, and solve on-the-job museum problems

Procedure

Interested students should write a short essay (no more than 500 words) indicating their interest in this internship and describing relevant research and hands on experiences. Please also attach a CV. Prior to beginning the internship, a formal contract stipulating the nature and objectives of the internship experience will be completed and signed by the student and the internship supervisor. Interns will maintain a journal of their internship activities that they will submit to the Curator of Collections and Exhibitions at the end of the Internship period.

Application Deadlines

- **For Summer Internship:** Application must be received by April 4, 2012
- **For Fall Internship:** Application must be received by June 6, 2012
- **For Spring Internship:** Application must be received by December 1, 2012

Applicants will be advised of acceptance within two weeks of application deadlines.

For questions please contact, Ana Marie Liddell at amliddell@virginia.edu.

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Application

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Year _____

Major _____

Advisor _____

Semester requesting internship _____

Why do you want this internship?

Please limit your answer to 500 typewritten words (Attach additional page if necessary).