

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Summer Diversity Internship 2013 General Program Guidelines

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Summer Diversity Internship invites undergraduate juniors and seniors as well as graduate students from diverse backgrounds to take part in an intensive field experience during the summer of 2013 at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art located in downtown Hartford, Connecticut. Designed to broaden opportunities for those underrepresented in the museum field, this scholarship provides one student with the opportunity to work amidst a world-class art collection and to be advised by seasoned museum professionals.

One stipend of \$3,000 is available. Housing arrangements must be managed by the selected intern. Academic credit offered upon request.

Eligibility

The program encourages applications from African-American, Alaskan, Asian-American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander candidates. This internship is open to United States citizens only.

Job Description

The museum's Curatorial and Education departments seek an intern to assist the Chief Curator and Director of Education in planning for the reinstallation and reinterpretation of its European art collection in newly refurbished galleries scheduled to open in the winter of 2015. *European Art from Antiquity to the Modern Era: Reinstallation of the Permanent Collection* will present a new humanities-infused thematic presentation of the museum's collection of over 700 world-famous European paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, costumes, textiles, and works of paper, providing an extraordinary visual record of European culture over nearly 5,000 years. As museum visitors explore the galleries, they will be introduced to the following thematic threads spread across the installation: Converging Cultures; Myth, Religion, and Spirituality; Patronage; Art and Domestic Life; and Art and Nature. By weaving these continuous threads throughout the collection, museum visitor's will discover common ideas that link works of art created in different places and eras, will be encouraged to see the visual arts from multiple humanities viewpoints, and will connect them to their own experiences in today's complex world. This project is just the first of several reinstallation and reinterpretation projects planned for the Atheneum's permanent collection; themes presented in the context of the European art collection will continue to be explored in its American, Modern and Contemporary collections.

The selected intern would assist both the Curatorial and Education departments in researching and interpreting our European collection in relation to the aforementioned humanities themes. While making a significant contribution to the project, the intern will learn about how a museum reinstalls and reinterprets its collection to inspire object-based critical thinking and dialogue among its visitors. This is an opportunity for a student with excellent research, writing, and organizational skills as well as one with an interest in European art history and art education.

Work schedules will be determined in conversation with the selected applicant's museum mentors. 280 hours must be completed (35 hours/week for 8 weeks).

Application Guidelines

To apply, candidates must submit the following materials:

- 1) Resume, including confirmation of eligibility requirements;
- 2) Statement of interest: Describe why you believe you are qualified to be considered for *The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving Summer Diversity Internship* while also articulating how an internship at the Atheneum would assist you in achieving your present and future career goals. Expound upon your interest in this internship's job description, outlining how your academic and personal experiences would contribute to this project;
- 3) Writing sample of eight to ten pages in length;
- 4) Official academic transcript(s); and
- 5) Two letters of recommendation.

Completed applications should be sent to the address below. **All materials must be postmarked by Friday, April 26, 2013.**

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