Internship to Promote and Encourage Diversity in the Museum Profession

Summer 2016

About the Internship

The Internship to Promote and Encourage Diversity in the Museum Profession is a paid internship program offered by the Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, a nationally accredited university art museum housed within the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts at Washington University in St. Louis. The main objective of the internship is to give diverse students an opportunity to gain access to and experience in the museum profession by exploring and participating in multiple departments within the museum. It is designed to provide a Washington University student the opportunity to work closely with a variety of Kemper Art Museum staff members over 6 weeks in the summer. In addition to museum outreach and community education programs, the student will gain exposure to exhibition management, collection management, curatorial research, the museum’s scholarly publications program, and museum marketing and visitor services, as well as behind-the-scenes operations of the museum from security and facilities perspectives, including the storage, packing, and handling of art.

The 2016 Internship to Promote and Encourage Diversity in the Museum Profession will occur Monday, May 23 – Friday, July 1, for approximately 25 hours per week. The intern will be paid an honorarium in the amount of $5000.00.

Who Should Apply?

The internship is open to all undergraduate and graduate students at Washington University in St. Louis students. Students in the Association of Black Students, Asian American Association, Association of Latin American Students, PRIDE, and multicultural student groups, as well as Enterprise, Rodriguez, and Ervin scholar groups, are encouraged to apply.

About the Museum

The Kemper Art Museum, part of the Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, dates to 1881 with the founding of the St. Louis School and Museum of Fine Arts at Washington University. Thanks to a long history of prescient art collecting practices, today the Museum houses one of the finest university collections in the United States, with strong holdings in 19th-, 20th-, and 21st-century European and American paintings, sculptures, prints, installations, and photographs.
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Application

Applicant Information

Name:
Email:
Phone:
Major / Minor:
Current Year:

Application Essay

Please include as a separate document an essay explaining your motivations and goals for applying to the Internship to Promote and Encourage Diversity in the Museum Profession. The essay should be 2–3 pages in length and include a description of your background, current student activities, and cultural or museum experiences, as well as any other information you think would be relevant to your application.

Application Deadline: FRIDAY, April 8, 2016, 12 noon

Applications will be accepted until 12 noon on Friday, April 8, 2016; the top 2 candidates will be interviewed the week of April 11.

Submitting the Application

Interested students should send the completed application form and essay to Allison Taylor, Manager of Education, Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, Campus Box 1214, or via email to Allison.taylor@wustl.edu.

Questions may be directed to Allison Taylor at 314.935.7918 or Allison.taylor@wustl.edu.

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