University Programs
Summer Diversity Internship 2015

Purpose
Designed to broaden opportunities for those underrepresented in the museum field, the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art’s Summer Diversity Internship provides one student with in-depth training as they work amidst a world-class art collection and are advised by seasoned museum professionals.

Eligibility
Undergraduate juniors and seniors and graduate students from diverse backgrounds are invited to take part in this intensive field experience. The program encourages applications from African-American, Alaskan, Asian-American, Hispanic, Latino/Latina, Native American, or Pacific Islander candidates and is open to United States citizens only. Preference is given to applicants majoring in art history, museum studies, museum education, art education, or studio art.

Internship Placements
*Applicants have a choice of placement in one of two museum positions and must indicate their selection in their statement of interest (see Application Guidelines).*

Gallery Interpretation
The Wadsworth Atheneum has been undergoing a major renovation since 2010 that is slated to be complete in September 2015. The $33 million project will renew 32 galleries and 15 public spaces to improve visitor experience and reinvent the museum for twenty-first century audiences. This position will work closely with the museum’s curatorial and education departments to assist in the final stages of planning for the reinstallation and reinterpretation of its European art collection.

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 on paper is being planned, providing an extraordinary visual record of European culture over nearly 5,000 years. Clearly defined interpretative core values and goals will guide the selected intern in creating interpretative elements in both print and digital media that will serve to increase visitor engagement, comfort, and learning in the galleries.

Advanced research, writing, and organizational skills are required.

For more information on the European collection:
http://thewadsworth.org/collection/european/
http://thewadsworth.org/collection/europeandecorative/

Community Programs
The museum’s education department seeks an enthusiastic studio assistant to facilitate the Summer Community Studio program under the mentorship of a teaching artist. This program encourages artistic exploration among groups of Hartford youth between the ages of 5-18 by providing hands-on art-making activities directly related to the exhibition *Peter Blume: Nature and Metamorphosis*. Intern responsibilities include developing a curriculum for docent-guided tours; encouraging creativity among program participants; reinforcing the themes and goals of the program; conducting observation and evaluation of participants; and assisting in teaching the hands-on art activity. The studio assistant will
also work with a variety of museum staff to support community and family programming as needed, including Juneteenth Family Day, Second Saturdays for Families, and First Thursdays.

Preference will be given to applicants with experience working with children and youth. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are desired. Nights and weekend hours may be required.

For more information on Peter Blume: Nature and Metamorphosis: http://thewadsworth.org/exhibitions/upcoming/peterblume/

Dates and Compensation
10 weeks between May–August 2015
Full time: five days, thirty-five hours/week

One stipend of $4,000 is available. Housing arrangements must be managed by the selected intern. Academic credit offered upon request.

Application Guidelines
To apply, candidates must submit the following materials:

1) Resume, including confirmation of eligibility requirements and two academic or professional references;
2) Statement of interest, including placement preference;
   - Describe your qualifications for this position and articulate how this internship would assist you in achieving your present and future career goals. Expound upon your interest in your departmental placement preference, outlining how your academic and personal experiences would contribute to the museum.
3) Writing sample of five 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 except for official academic transcripts may be sent via e-mail to Intern@WadsworthAtheneum.org with the subject line: Summer Diversity Internship. The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 1, 2015. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

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For more information, call (860) 838-4170 or e-mail Intern@WadsworthAtheneum.org.