Paid and Unpaid Museum Internship Programs Available to Undergraduate Students

It is possible to gain a volunteer internship at almost any arts institution, however, the following institutions have paid and unpaid internship programs, which usually provide students with a more structured introduction to museum studies and professional opportunities. Most of these programs have deadlines for application, usually in December and January of each year, so be sure to check the deadlines early. These applications will often require a recommendation, essay, and other submissions, so plan accordingly. Paid opportunities vary from year to year depending on institutional funding. Be sure to check the museum’s website for current information.

An additional resource for listings of other regional - Resources in Art History for Graduate Students (includes listing available to undergraduates):

For guidance in applying for internships and developing your CV, consult the Career Center website:

If you know of any other museum internship opportunities that you think should be listed, please forward them to Professor Angela Miller, Director of Undergraduate Studies, [almiller@wustl.edu](mailto:almiller@wustl.edu).

Mid-West

Saint Louis Art Museum
Contact: Education Department, 314.655.5298
Available programs:
  Summer and academic year unpaid internships in education, curatorial, and administrative divisions.

Kemper Art Museum, Washington University in St Louis
[http://kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu/students](http://kemperartmuseum.wustl.edu/students)
Available programs:
  Teaching in the Galleries, fall and spring semester docent internships (unpaid; optional one academic credit available)

Art Institute of Chicago
[http://www.artic.edu/aic/jobs/interninfo.html](http://www.artic.edu/aic/jobs/interninfo.html)
Available programs:
  Internships in designate departments and divisions

Minneapolis Institute of the Arts
Available programs:
  Unpaid internships in various departments and divisions
East Coast

Baltimore

Walters Art Museum
http://thewalters.org/museum_art_baltimore/themuseum_jobs_internship.aspx#Paid
Available programs:
  Paid and unpaid summer and academic year internships in various departments and divisions.

BOSTON

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
http://www.mfa.org/
Available programs:
  Unpaid academic and summer internships in various departments and divisions

PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia Museum of Art
Available programs:
  Summer Museum Studies Internship Program

NEW YORK

Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
http://www.metmuseum.org/education/er_internship.asp
Available programs:
Internships for College Students
  Paid Internships for College and Graduate Students at the Main Building
    Summer Internship Program
    Mentoring Program for College Juniors
    Six-Month Internship
    Lifchez/Stronach Curatorial Internship
    The Tiffany & Co. Foundation Curatorial Internship in American Decorative Arts
    Editorial and Design Internship in Educational Media
    Web Development/Video Internship in Educational Media
  The Cloisters Summer Internship for College Students
  Unpaid Internships for College and Graduate Students at the Main Building
Guggenheim Museum, New York
http://www.guggenheim.org/new-york/education/internships
Available programs:
  Paid and unpaid summer and academic year internships

Museum of Modern Art, New York
http://www.moma.org/about/internships
Available programs:
  Summer and academic year internships

WASHINGTON, DC

National Gallery of Art, Washington DC
http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/interns-fellows.html
Available programs:
  Volunteer Internships
  Paid Eleven-Month Internships
  Paid Summer Internships

Smithsonian Museums
http://intern.si.edu/
Available programs – the Smithsonian Museums have a HUGE number of paid and unpaid internships available in a remarkably wide range of institutions and departments, including but not limited to:
  Archives of American Art
  Cooper Hewitt Design Museum (New York)
  Freer and Sackler Galleries
  Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden
  National Museum of African Art
  National Portrait Gallery
  Smithsonian American Art Museum
  Smithsonian Center for Education and Museum Studies
  Anacostia Community Museum
  Asian Pacific American Program
  Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage
  National Museum of the American Indian
  Smithsonian Latino Center
  Archives of American Gardens
  Museum Conservation Institution
West Coast

Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco
http://www.famsf.org/
Available programs:
  Education Department Internships

The South

Houston Museum of Art
http://www.mfah.org/programs-for/page/about-internship-program/
Available programs:
  Paid Summer Internships

Dallas Museum of Art
http://dallasmuseumofart.org/AboutUs/Internships/index.htm
Available programs:
  Eight month paid internships in Education and Curatorial Departments

Kimball Art Museum, Fort Worth
https://www.kimbellart.org/
Available programs:
  Volunteer internships in the Education Department

The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida
http://www.ringling.org/Opportunities2.aspx?id=434
Available programs:
  Paid summer internships for graduating seniors and graduate students; unpaid internships for students at any level

Abroad

Guggenheim Museums in Bilbao, Spain and Venice, Italy
Available programs:
  Guggenheim Internships in Europe