Internship Guidelines and Application

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
The Seattle Art Museum offers part-time internships during both the summer and academic year. The Museum seeks current students and recent graduates. Knowledge of a foreign language may be helpful.

SAM’s internship program offers unpaid internships, unless the internship title specifies that it is a paid internship. Students may be eligible to earn academic credit. Credit is managed through individual academic institutions, and students are required to coordinate all details of receiving credit.

SAM’s internship program provides students with a wide range of opportunities and experiences. Internship experiences may include researching artists, exhibitions, and programs, conducting market research, or writing press releases. Interns may also engage in forums for developing workshops, tours, lectures, dialogues, symposia, curricula, performances and other interpretive public programs that cater to a variety of audiences.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM
The Seattle Art Museum provides a welcoming place for people to connect with art and to consider its relationship to their lives. SAM is one museum in three locations: the Seattle Art Museum is located in downtown Seattle, the Asian Art Museum is located in Volunteer Park, and the Olympic Sculpture Park is located on the Seattle waterfront. SAM collects, preserves and exhibits objects from across time and across cultures, exploring the dynamic connections between past and present.

PLEASE NOTE
- SAM does not provide travel, relocation or housing assistance for interns.
- Internship time commitments vary between minimum 8 hours per week to maximum 35 hours per week. Selected interns will coordinate their schedule with their intern mentor. Refer to the individual position descriptions for more details.
- Current SAM staff cannot be considered for unpaid internships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES
Some SAM internships have alternate requirements or require additional application materials. Please refer to the details on specific internship position descriptions about who can apply and what should be included in the application.

Students interested in an internship at SAM should send the following materials together in one package or PDF:

- Internship application (form attached)
- Cover letter explaining your reasons for applying to the Seattle Art Museum Internship program. Letter should include: what you feel you can contribute to the department in which you are applying, what you hope to gain from the experience and how this kind of experience might help enhance your education and career plans. Please indicate the internship(s) to which you are applying and state the reasons for your choice.
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation (forms attached). Letters of recommendation may be submitted by the writer, separately from the other application materials.
- Other materials as specified on the internship position description.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL OR MAIL:

internships@seattleartmuseum.org
Or

Internship Coordinator
Seattle Art Museum
1300 First Avenue
Seattle WA 98101-2003

Do not hand deliver applications.

APPLICATION DEADLINES
Fall Quarter: August 1
Winter Quarter: November 1
Spring Quarter: February 1
Summer Quarter: April 1
**SUMMER 2018 INTERNSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**
April 1, 2018

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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**How did you learn about the internship program?**  (Please check)

- SAM Website
- College/University Posting
- Word of Mouth
- Internship Program Alumni
- Other (please specify) ___________

I am applying for the following internship(s): (Please indicate your 1st and 2nd choice if you are applying for more than one position).

**Unpaid Internship Opportunities:**

- [ ] Communications Intern
- [ ] Design Intern
- [ ] Corporate Relations Intern
- [ ] School and Educator Programs Intern
- [ ] Curatorial Intern
- [ ] Summer Programs Intern

**Paid Internship Opportunities:**

- [ ] Betty Bowen Award Intern (Jun – Nov 2018)
- [ ] Emerging Arts Leader Intern
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FORM

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The following contact information is required on this form. Recommendations received after the deadline will not be considered.

Applicant’s Name

REFERENCE #1 CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name _____________________ Last Name _____________________
Title __________________________ Organization/Affiliation ____________
Mailing Address __________________ City ________ State ________ ZIP ________
Telephone ______________________ E-Mail ______________________
Relationship to Applicant ______________________

The recommendation should include the following information:
❑ the length of time and in what capacity you have known the applicant
❑ commentary on the applicant’s professional development
❑ an assessment of the applicant’s ability including: strengths, weaknesses and seriousness of purpose
❑ how acceptance to this program will benefit the applicant

Please feel free to attach additional paper or write the recommendation on letterhead.

Signature ______________________ Date ________
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REFERENCE #2 CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name __________________________ Last Name __________________________
Title __________________________ Organization/Affiliation __________________________
Mailing Address __________________________ City __________________________ State __________________________ ZIP __________________________
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Signature __________________________ Date __________________________