



Mattress Factory

Spring 2021 Education Intern (Part-time, unpaid)

Organization Overview

The Mattress Factory is an internationally known museum of contemporary art focused on installation works. The museum's exhibitions are created on-site by artists from across the country and around the world. Located on Pittsburgh's historic Northside, the museum houses a growing and distinctive permanent collection, featuring artists James Turrell, Yayoi Kusama, Winifred Lutz, Greer Lankton and Rolf Julius, as well as innovative exhibitions that change throughout the year.

The museum develops and programs rotating exhibitions featuring artists known regionally, nationally and internationally. The museum's education department creates programming for each exhibition; educational activities for children, families and target audiences, and programs in the schools that use installation art to support a variety of educational needs of teachers and students. Each June, the Mattress Factory holds its much-anticipated *Urban Garden Party* fundraising event, whose planning and execution requires the efforts of the entire museum staff.

Internship Overview

The Mattress Factory's Education Department is currently accepting applications for a part-time, upbeat intern who has an interest in the museum and education fields. The candidate should be deeply invested and interested in education in a museum setting and be comfortable making art in a variety of media, though previous formal art experience not required. The candidate should have previous experience with or a strong interest in working with students.

This internship is a part-time position and will run from February 1st to May 28th 2021. This internship has a 10 hour per week minimum, with required Wednesday afternoon availability. Some pre-arranged evening hours required. This internship is unpaid and may be taken for credit.

Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

After School support:

- Assist teaching artists in the museum's after school program
- Work with students in grades 3-5 as well as their families
- Create projects alongside students, provide homework assistance, serve as a mentor and lead small group activities
- Prepare and teach their own lesson alongside teaching artists
- Work on a variety of art and performance projects, experience art in the galleries and explore the neighborhood and community
- Prepare for classes, provide support to teaching artists and Museum Educators and maintain studio spaces

Education Department support:

- Conceive, execute, promote, and evaluate education programming
- Shadow Museum Educators on discussion-based tours of the museum's galleries as well as outreach
- Work on special projects, do research, facilitate public programming, prepare materials, and assist with school and community outreach projects



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Requirements:

- Previous experience with or a very strong interest in working with students and families
- Interest in museum-education or art-education as a career
- Experience using a variety of art-making materials and techniques strongly encouraged, but not required
- Good communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Comfortable communicating with a diverse range of visitors
- Consistent week-to-week schedule a must
- Up-to-date PA Child Abuse, Criminal Record, and FBI Clearances

Mattress Factory is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to internships@mattress.org. Please put "Spring 2021 Education Intern" in the subject line.

No calls, please.