

# Museums and Society Internships

As the job market continues to become more competitive, internships have become increasingly popular with students and employers. Not only do they provide you with firsthand experience in a career field, they also give you an opportunity to land a full-time career after graduation. When working in the field of museum studies, a wide variety of opportunities are open that go well beyond curatorial work and art. Museum internships can be available within a range of institutions such as museums, governments, zoos, colleges and universities, and corporations to preserve important objects, documents, and artifacts.

If you are interested in searching for internships, make sure to start your search early and to keep checking Handshake on a regular basis! Make an appointment to talk about your options by calling the Career Center at 410-516-8056.

## On Campus at Johns Hopkins

Internship opportunities are sometimes available in on-campus collections. Contact:

**JHU Program in Museum Studies** - <http://krieger.jhu.edu/museums-society/resources/museum-careers/>

**Homewood Museum, Pinkard-Bolton Internship** – Julie Rose, Director and Curator, Homewood Museum, [jrose37@jhu.edu](mailto:jrose37@jhu.edu) – This internship provides Johns Hopkins University undergraduate students with the opportunity to gain significant understanding of the museum profession through work at Homewood, the 1801 country house of Charles Carroll, Jr.

**Evergreen Museum, Student Curator Internship** – James Archer Abbott, Director and Curator, Evergreen Museum & Library, [james.abbott@jhu.edu](mailto:james.abbott@jhu.edu) – The Student Curator will obtain hands-on experience in the curatorial profession, participating in the planning, organization, and implementation of an exhibition relevant to the collections and/or mission of Evergreen.

**Archaeological Collection** – Sanchita Balachandran, Curator/Conservator, [sanchita@jhu.edu](mailto:sanchita@jhu.edu)

**Library Preservation** – Mark Pollei, Assistant Director for Conversation and Preservation at Sheridan Libraries, [mpollei@jhu.edu](mailto:mpollei@jhu.edu)

**Evergreen Library/Special Collections** – James Archer Abbott, Director and Curator, Evergreen Museum & Library, [james.abbott@jhu.edu](mailto:james.abbott@jhu.edu) ; Heidi Herr, Johns Hopkins Special Collections Outreach Coordinator, [hherr1@jhu.edu](mailto:hherr1@jhu.edu), Special Collections Fellowship: <https://www.library.jhu.edu/library-departments/special-collections/special-collection-fellowships/>

## Baltimore-area Internships

**Baltimore Museum of Art** - <http://artbma.org/about/employment.html> - The Baltimore Museum of Art has offered internship opportunities in a variety of departments, including the curatorial, conservation, education, marketing, publication, and registration divisions. Positions updated as made available.

**Walters Art Museum** - <http://thewalters.org/about/jobs/intern/> - The Walters Art Museum offers a variety of internships and fellowships. In addition, the Walters Art Museum provides undergraduate and graduate students specifically at Johns Hopkins with the opportunity to gain substantial information about the

museum profession in the Robert and Nancy Hall Fellowship Program – <http://thewalters.org/research/fellowships/hall.aspx>

**Baltimore Art Place** - <http://www.mdartplace.org/get-involved/internships> - A not-for-profit center for contemporary art in Baltimore offers internships and volunteer opportunities.

**American Visionary Art Museum** - <http://www.avam.org/get-involved-now/volunteer.shtml> - The museum offers a variety of volunteer and internship opportunities at the museum and its many events.

**The Frederick Douglass Isaac Myers Maritime Park** - <http://www.douglassmyers.org/> - A national heritage site dedicated to history of African Americans in Baltimore, offers paid positions for interpreters.

**The Jewish Museum of Baltimore** - <http://www.jhsm.org/internship-opportunities> - Internships are sometimes available. For more information, contact specified contact depending on internship opportunity found on website.

**Baltimore Museum of Industry** - <http://www.thebmi.org/exhibitions-collections/internships-volunteering/> - The Museum welcomes serious interns and volunteers interested in exploring museum work. To volunteer, contact Jane Wolterreck at [jwolterreck@thebmi.org](mailto:jwolterreck@thebmi.org). For work in other areas, contact the relevant department heads.

**Maryland Science Center** - <http://www.mdsci.org/get-involved/intern/> - The Maryland Science Center Internship Program allows qualified undergraduate and graduate students to fulfill internships through volunteer work.

**Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum** - <http://www.cbmm.org/about/contact-us/employment-internships/> - Internships are available in a variety of departments including education, folk life, special events, and curatorial. Contact Melissa Spielman, Director of Events & Volunteer Program, [mspielman@cbmm.org](mailto:mspielman@cbmm.org)

**Baltimore Aquarium** - <http://www.aqua.org/jobs/internships-baltimore>

**Maryland State Archives** (In Annapolis) - <http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/educ/interns/html/allinterns.html> - Interns engage in processing, managing, and interpreting archival collections. Duties may include research, writing, web design, electronic imaging, computer programming, record stripping, and accessioning. The intern program includes a heavy focus on the application of computer technology to both the historical method and archival practice. Some assignments may require periodic off-site work.

**Please note:** this list is not exhaustive of the opportunities available in Baltimore. For a more complete list of the museums located in Baltimore please refer to either <http://baltimore.org/arts-and-culture/baltimore-museums>, or, <http://www.museumspot.com/cities/baltimore.htm>

## Washington, D.C. Internships

**The Smithsonian Institute** – <http://www.smithsonianofi.com/internship-opportunities/> - The Smithsonian provides opportunities for over 900 interns yearly at its 17 museums, offices, and research facilities. The experience must be relevant to the intern's stated academic or professional goals, as well as to research and museum activities of the Institution. If you have any questions, please contact Office of Fellowships and Internships (OFI) at [siofg@si.edu](mailto:siofg@si.edu).

**National Gallery of Art** - <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/interns-fellows.html> - The National Gallery of Art has a variety of volunteer, graduate, and summer internships available in addition to numerous fellowships.

**Hirshhorn Museum** - <http://www.hirshhorn.si.edu/collection/home/#collection=workinternvolunteer> – Offers a wide range of internships in a variety of departments.

**The National Law Enforcement Museum** - <http://www.nleomf.org/about/employment/> - The NLEOMF operates a regular internship program that provides students with work opportunities in various aspects of non-profit organization and operations, as well as museum program

**The Library of Congress** - <http://www.loc.gov/hr/employment/index.php?action=cFellowships.showHome> - The Library of Congress has several internship, fellowships, and volunteer program opportunities.

**National Endowment for the Arts** - <http://arts.gov/about/jobs/internships> - The internship offers a national overview of arts activities across the country.

**National Endowment for the Humanities** - <http://www.neh.gov/about/human-resources/neh-internship-program> - NEH is an independent federal agency that provides support to advance and disseminate knowledge in all of the disciplines of the humanities: history, literature, linguistics, archaeology, jurisprudence and the history, criticism and theory of the arts.

**National Museum of Woman in the Arts** - <http://www.nmwa.org/about/internships> - NMWA interns play an integral role in advancing the museum's mission while gaining valuable work experience, exploring career options, and developing contacts with peers and museum professionals. In addition to providing an unbeatable work experience in an arts organization, NMWA offers its interns a chance to learn about women artists in its docent training classes college-level art history classes and/or through field trips to other cultural venues in Washington, D.C., and to earn academic credit through their school.

**Presidential Libraries Internships** - <http://www.archives.gov/careers/internships/dc-metro/presidential.html> - A variety of internships are available at the different library and office locations in the DC Metro Area.

## **New York Internships**

**Metropolitan Museum of Art** - <http://www.metmuseum.org/about-the-met/internships> - Interns work in one of the Metropolitan's departments – curatorial, education, conservation, administration, or library. Includes both paid and unpaid internships and fellowships of varying lengths.

**The Frick Collection** - <http://www.frick.org/careers/internships.htm> - Internship opportunities are available for undergraduate and graduate students with interest in careers in art museums and libraries. Applicants with strong backgrounds in Art history, Museum Education, or Library Science are encouraged to apply.

**Museum of Modern Art** - <http://www.moma.org/about/internships> - A wide variety of internships are available for the spring, summer, or fall in addition to yearlong programs.

**Brooklyn Museum of Art** - <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org/education/adults/summer-internships> - The BMA offers a number of internship opportunities that vary from year to year.

**Brooklyn Children's Museum** - <http://www.brooklynkids.org/opportunities> - Summer Intern/Program Assistant: facilitates gallery exploration for summer-camp groups and conduct public programming for family audiences.

**Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts** - <http://aboutlincolncenter.org/about/internships/available-internships> – The Lincoln Center is the world's leading performing arts center. A wide variety of internships are available.

**Tenement Museum** - <http://www.tenement.org/jobs.php> - Internship opportunities are uploaded as available.

**New York Foundation for Arts** - <http://www.nyfa.org/jobs> – This website has a variety of opportunities (internships, fellowships, jobs) in the arts in NY. Frequently updated.

## **Boston Internships**

**Museum of Fine Arts Boston** - <http://www.mfa.org/employment/internship-opportunities> – Internship opportunities at the Museum are available seasonally, in a broad range of disciplines including: curatorial, development, public relations, publications, intellectual property, museum education, retail operations, information services, and human resources.

**Museum of Science, Boston** - <http://www.mos.org/jobs> - The internship program offers a large amount of internships in trimesters: fall, spring and summer.

**The New England Aquarium** - [http://www.neaq.org/get\\_involved/internship-programs](http://www.neaq.org/get_involved/internship-programs) - Interns have the opportunity to network with marine sciences professionals both inside and outside of the Aquarium, and help work towards the Aquarium's mission.

## **Philadelphia Internships**

**Philadelphia Museum of Art** - <http://www.philamuseum.org/education/273-358-50.html> - Interns work 5 days a week, splitting time between working in their department and participating in a Museum Studies course.

## **Chicago Internships**

**The Art Institute of Chicago** - <http://www.artic.edu/aic/jobs/interninfo.html> - Interns, working under the guidance of curators or department heads, will assist in routine departmental work that ranges from special projects and research to clerical support.