



MUSEUM EDUCATION INTERN

Arts & Culture

INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVE

The Museum Education Intern position is designed to give the intern the opportunity to gain valuable experience as an integral part of a museum planning team. They will support and supplement the Arts Education Specialist, whose role is to plan, develop and implement arts and culture education programs for guests. Projects will include such things as: Creating new and exciting arts & culture programs, from idea inception to curriculum writing, material assembly and staff training; Piloting new programs through hands-on demonstrations on the museum floor; Assisting with program marketing efforts, including social medial promotion, collateral distribution and participant solicitation; Taking inventory and making supply runs; Monitoring and administering online registrations for art workshops; Organizing the art shed and developing an efficient system geared toward maintaining the accuracy and integrity of materials; Researching trends and new information in STEM education and developing ideas on ways to integrate STEM standards into Kidspace art and culture programs (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math); Providing administrative support to the Specialist, including preparation of supplies for upcoming art projects; Researching ways to infuse more cultural education into daily museum programs; Participating in team brainstorming meetings; Writing curriculum and formatting that curriculum for inclusion in training manuals.

ABOUT KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Our mission at Kidspace is to promote education and enrich the lives of children, families, and the community through interactive experiences in science, art, and the humanities. Children's museums are an incredible seedbed of learning and discovery. The purpose of a children's museum is to inspire children to learn and grow, equip parents and teachers, and to be a safe place where learners of all abilities can do so at their own pace and focus on topics of interest to them. This is often referred to as "Free Range Learning." What makes us different from a school is our approach to informal education. Children's museums are a wonderful place to learn, grow and have fun! We believe in giving our guests hands-on experiences that are relevant and inspiring. Famous statesman, philosopher, and inventor Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." We involve guests in the process of learning. Please explore our mission further at www.kidspacemuseum.org.

DESIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The intern should be familiar with how conduct research online, particularly how to recognize reputable sources. Solid writing skills are essential to successful execution of this position. The intern must have a sincere interest in both the sciences AND the humanities, and be open to merging the two and infusing the museum programs with that marriage. A high level of comfort working with the public is required. They should be familiar with and support the practice of informal education and inquiry-based learning. Additionally, they should have comfort turning complex information into prose the layman or a child can easily understand while not diluting the integrity of the information. It should be noted that part of the purpose of the internship is to teach and instill these qualities in the intern. A basic interest in and comfort level with the qualifications listed above is what is ultimately required. An interest in working with children is a must, as is a passion for arts and culture education.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students should be currently enrolled in college with the goal of obtaining a 4 year degree related to the museum internship. Students whose course of study focuses on the following areas are encouraged to apply: Anthropology; Art; Museum Studies; Education; Science; History; Humanities; Art History; Zoology.

INTERNSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Location: KidSpace Children's Museum is located in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl in beautiful Brookside Park. The address is 480 N Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA, 91103.

Internship Duration: TBD/negotiable
Start Date: TBD/negotiable
End Date: TBD/negotiable

Credit: TBD/negotiable.

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship.

Interested Students Should Contact: Brooke Applegate, Education Manager
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How To Apply: Please submit resumes and cover letters stating why you are a good fit for the internship and how you believe you will benefit from the experience to bapplegate@kidspacemuseum.org. List Museum Education Internship in the subject line. Resumes submitted without cover letters will not be considered.