Summer 2021 Internships

Summer internships at the Colby College Museum of Art are full-time positions (35 hours per week May 27-Aug. 6, 2021) and are supported through generous endowments. The Museum internships are open to Colby College students who anticipate graduating in 2022, 2023, or 2024. All internships are paid and no prior experience is expected. Please note that Colby College students also are eligible for funding through Davis Connects, if additional monies are needed.

For Summer 2021, our museum internships will be in-person opportunities, and campus housing will be available. The college’s online application form is available [here](#). As part of the online application required by Colby College, all interested candidates will be asked to submit a cover letter, resume, and two references to Kris Bergquist, Mirken Curator of Education and Engagement, at kristin.bergquist@colby.edu. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 7, 2021.

**Barringer Museum Practice Intern**

Reporting to the Barbara Alfond Manager of Exhibitions and Publications, this position offers a broad experience in museum practice, supporting multiple aspects of Museum functions including the development of catalogues, in-gallery brochures, exhibition wall graphics and labels, operations research, and digitization projects. The position also works with other departments, including operations, preparation, and administration as well as freelance designers, editors, and outside vendors. Working on multiple projects at various stages, from conception to completion, the intern will conduct image research and gathering, prepare materials for editing and design, review and mock-up design layouts, coordinate feedback, and more. Additionally, the intern will attend
project meetings, conduct data entry, and perform basic office upkeep, as needed. The successful candidate will have excellent organization and communication skills, strong attention to detail, and a demonstrated interest in learning more about the museum field.

**Black Family Curatorial Internship**

This summer curatorial internship, supported by the Black Family Fund, offers an immersive introduction to the work of art curating. The intern will assist the curatorial staff on tasks related to the development and realization of exhibitions. Tasks will include collection and exhibition research, meeting preparation, data entry, correspondence, and basic office upkeep. The curatorial intern also will assist the Museum’s exhibition preparators as needed. The successful candidate will have strong organization and communication skills and a genuine interest in learning more about the museum field.

**The Howard A. and Gisele B. Miller Curatorial Internship**

This summer curatorial internship, supported by the Howard A. and Gisele B. Miller Curatorial Intern Fund, offers an immersive introduction to the work of art curating. The intern will assist the curatorial staff on tasks related to the development and realization of exhibitions. Tasks will include collection and exhibition research, meeting preparation, data entry, correspondence, and basic office upkeep. The curatorial intern also will assist the Museum’s exhibition preparators, as needed. The successful candidate will have strong organization and communication skills and a genuine interest in learning more about the museum field.

**Linde Family Foundation Curricular Intern**

This intern will assist the Mirken Senior Coordinator of Programs and Audience Engagement, specifically in areas of public programs and other large scale community events and virtual programs. Responsibilities will include assistance in the development, management and evaluation of these programs. The intern will gain an understanding of educational programming in museums, tools and methods for researching program impact, and gallery-based learning. A successful candidate possesses excellent organizational, verbal and written communication skills, strong interest in museum work, ability to work well in a
fast-paced environment and have some familiarity with art. Experience working with the public or in customer service is a plus.

**Linde Family Foundation Education Intern**

The Linde Family Foundation Education Intern will assist the Linde Family Foundation Senior Coordinator of School and Teacher Programs in a variety of duties. These may include, but are not limited to, the coordination of summer opportunities for area children, creation of in-gallery and digital didactics, curriculum writing, tour development, and some writing of publicity materials. Interns should be detail-oriented, self-motivated, prompt, reliable, and have the ability to work both independently and as a team member. Experience and interest in the arts, working with children, and art-making skills are needed in this role. Prior museum experience, and working with school curriculum, is preferred but not required.

**Lunder Institute Engagement and Programming Intern**

The Lunder Institute for American Art seeks a summer intern to assist with daily activities related to programs at the Arts Collaborative, a new building for artist residencies and collaborative work in downtown Waterville. Responsibilities include preparation for artist engagements, contribution to art-historical research, and assistance with daily operational tasks. Through these experiences, the intern will learn best practices in arts administration, humanities research, and the cultivation of professional relationships. This summer, the intern will focus on documenting and sharing the experiences of the first chapter of the Arts Collaborative. A successful candidate will have excellent organizational, verbal, and written communication skills, the ability to work independently, and a strong interest in contemporary art. Previous coursework in Art History preferred but not required.

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Summer 2021 Internships with Partner Organizations

The Colby College Museum of Art partners with multiple museums around the country to offer summer internship opportunities for Colby College students who anticipate graduating in 2022, 2023, or 2024. The internships are paid opportunities and directions on how to apply can be found in the descriptions below. Please note that Colby College students also are eligible for funding through Davis Connects, if additional monies are needed.

Lunder Consortium for Whistler Studies Summer Internships

Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

The Lunder Consortium for Whistler Studies, a scholarly collaboration of the Smithsonian’s Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, the Colby College Museum of Art, the University of Glasgow, and the Art Institute of Chicago, will offer a paid internship for a Colby College student at the Freer Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. Students with a strong interest in and aptitude for museum work may gain experience for a four-to-six-week period during the summer. Art history, studio art, East Asian Studies, and American Studies students are especially encouraged to apply. The focus of the internship will be on various aspects of the Freer’s collection of American art. One intern will be selected by the Consortium partners and will work on various projects—exhibitions, collections research, and public programs—relating to the
Freer’s extensive resources and collections in Asian art and American art of the Aesthetic Movement.

Applicants are asked to send the following materials to the Lunder Curator for Whistler Studies Justin McCann at jbmccann@colby.edu: a cover letter outlining their interest in museum work and its relevance to their academic program; a resume; transcripts (unofficial is fine); and one letter of recommendation. Applicants should have a background or a strong interest in nineteenth-century American and British art. This program is made possible through the generosity of the Lunder Foundation and is administered by the Lunder Consortium for Whistler Studies. Interns receive a $5,000 stipend.

Lunder Summer Internship Program

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

The MFA Boston has established the Lunder Summer Internship Program in perpetuity in honor of Barbara and Theodore Alfond. The Lunder Summer Internship Program provides funding for one to two Maine college students for a summer internship at MFA. The internships will be awarded as need-based financial aid grants to qualified and eligible Maine college students as determined by MFA. Descriptions of the summer internships will be available in mid-February; please visit the Boston MFA website at https://www.mfa.org/employment/internship-opportunities or on Handshake.

Homer Colby Fellow

Portland Museum of Art

The Homer Colby Fellow works closely with Learning and Community Collaboration and Curatorial staff on the ongoing reinterpretation of the Winslow Homer Studio and initiatives related to audience building and accessibility. Under the general supervision of the Peggy L. Osher Director of Learning and Community Collaboration, the Fellow works June-August 2021 with other
museum departments on projects that advance the Portland Museum of Art’s (PMA’s) overall mission. The Lunder Colby Homer Fellow at the Portland Museum of Art is supported by the Lunder Homer Education Fund. This opportunity is available to rising sophomores, juniors, seniors or graduating seniors at Colby College. Students studying Art/Museum Education, Art History, American Studies, or related fields are encouraged to apply. Please email a cover letter and résumé to careers@portlandmuseum.org. In lieu of a résumé, please upload a completed PMA Employment application (available at this link). Applications will be accepted electronically until March 19th, 2021, and the PMA expects to make an offer the week of April 19th, 2021. For more information, please see the full job description here.

Center for the Arts and Humanities, Colby College

The Center for the Arts and Humanities has additional opportunities for internships at cultural organizations in central Maine. These include internships at Waterville Creates, Maine Film Center, Waterville Opera House, Ticonic Gallery + Studios, L.C. Bates Museum of Natural History and Culture, Waterville Public Library, and the Redington Museum. To learn more, visit their website here.

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