MFAH Internship/Fellowship Description

Intern/Fellow Title: Marketing & Communications Intern/Fellow

Academic Level: Undergraduate or graduate

Supervisor: Laine Lieberman

Department: Marketing & Communications

Dates of Internship/Fellowship Term: June 5-August 11, 2017

Project Overview:

The fellow will contribute to the following projects and activities in the Marketing & Communications department:

- Press clippings: searching online publications, print magazines, and newspapers for coverage
 of the MFAH and its entities; downloading, scanning, and organizing these clips for archival
 purposes
- Drafting media alerts, press releases, and paid e-blasts
- Researching media contacts and addressing media inquiries
- Assembling press kits and providing onsite support for M&C staff during media previews
- Assisting with film crews and photographers at the Museum
- Updating external event calendars online
- Assisting with the development of social media promotion and strategy
- Assisting with the production of marketing materials
- Assisting with research projects for the department
- Working on website projects, including website updates

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- Improved PR and promotional writing skills
- Experience with developing media pitches
- Better acquainted with working in an office environment
- Time management skills and taking on several projects at once
- Working both independently and in groups
- Project development skills

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Able to work both independently & with a team
- Strong organizational, research, time management, and writing/editing skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office (including Word and Excel)
- Pleasant, professional manner when interacting with staff, media, and visitors

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Education and Eligibility

- Students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or who recently completed (within one year) a Bachelor's degree are eligible for this opportunity.

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- Students currently enrolled in a graduate program or who recently completed (within one year) a Master's degree or Ph.D. are eligible for this opportunity.

Anticipated Schedule:

- The internship will comprise about 350 hours (20-35 hours per week for 10 weeks), which will begin on Monday, June 5 and should be completed by Friday, August 11, 2017. If necessary, hours/days missed can be made up by Friday, August 18, 2017.
- Monday through Friday, 9 to 5 pm (with hour-long lunch).
- The first two weeks will include approximately 10 hours of orientations (including human resources, information technology, library, etc.)
- Each week includes a two-hour "brown bag" lunch some at the MFAH main campus, some at other MFAH buildings, some special venues. During these weekly professional development opportunities, MFAH interns and fellows convene to learn about different aspects of the museum's operations.

Unpaid | Academic Credit Internship:

- Academic Credit: Students wishing to earn academic credit do not qualify for a stipend and are responsible for ensuring all necessary paperwork is complete with your college/university. If MFAH personnel (University Programs Specialist and/or Intern/Fellow Supervisor) must complete paperwork (verify time-logs, evaluation, etc.), it is your responsibility to bring the paperwork to the MFAH's attention. Additionally, your college/university may have fewer or greater requirements for academic credit. If fewer requirements, you acknowledge the need to abide by the MFAH's requirements. If greater requirements, you acknowledge the need to inform the MFAH, and you understand the MFAH may or may not guarantee compliance with requirements of other institutions.
- Unpaid Internship: By agreeing to an unpaid internship, you acknowledge the internship will not constitute employment and no stipend will be provided.

Application Instructions and Deadline:

Please submit the following materials to interns@mfah.org.

- Letter of interest describing your experience and professional goals as relevant to this opportunity (maximum 1000 words)
- Résumé
- Writing sample (1 to 2 pages)

When submitting application materials, please include the name of the internship or fellowship, in the subject line of your email. The deadline for applications for the MFAH Summer 2017 Internship and Fellowship program is Friday, March 10, 2017.