

MFAH Internship/Fellowship Description

Intern/Fellow Title:	Graduate Curatorial Intern, Art of the Islamic Worlds
Academic Level:	Graduate
Supervisor:	Aimée Froom, Curator, Art of the Islamic Worlds
Department:	Art of the Islamic Worlds
Dates of Internship/Fellowship Term:	June 5-August 11, 2017

Project Overview:

The fellow will work with the curator on special and on-going projects including:

- A major upcoming exhibition and catalogue project
- Management of the long-term installation, *Arts of Islamic Lands: Selections from the al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait*
- Object research and preparation for future rotations of the permanent collection

As part of his or her training and mentoring, the fellow will look at original works of art on a regular basis. The fellow will conduct library and internet research, compile bibliographies, and help assemble object and image files for an exhibition project.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- The fellow will become familiar with museum practices and daily operations.
- She or he will gain original and secondary research skills.
- As part of his or her training and mentoring, the fellow will have the rare opportunity to look at original works of art on a regular basis with a curator and develop his or her eye.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Art History background required
- Coursework in Islamic art required
- MA in hand and PhD coursework preferred
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to work both collaboratively and independently required
- Strong communication skills preferred
- Library and internet skills required
- Language skills preferred but not required (Persian, Arabic, French, German).

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Education and Eligibility

- 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 350 hours (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.)

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@mfaah.org.

- Letter of interest describing your experience and professional goals as relevant to this opportunity (maximum 1000 words)
- Résumé
- Writing sample of no more than 25 pages max.

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 **Monday, May 15, 2017**.