University of Alberta Museums
Student Internship in Museum Innovation

The University of Alberta Museums is pleased to offer a summer internship opportunity to be awarded to a student currently enrolled at the senior undergraduate level at the University of Alberta.

The successful applicant will undertake a summer internship, up to four months in length, with the UAlberta Museums unit gaining a diverse experience in museum practice, in a research intensive, object-based learning environment. The student will undertake projects in one or more of the following areas of museology/museum innovation:

- **Curation:** collections-based research resulting in new knowledge (e.g., researching objects; research for exhibition projects, writing didactic and interpretive materials).
- **Exhibitions/Design:** exhibition planning, design, installation and considerations for the presentation, care, interpretation of museum objects.
- **Conservation:** preventive projects including mount-making, artifact preparation.
- **Information/Collections Management:** database projects, on-line access and digitization, collections management processes related to registration, cataloguing, inventory, loans, deaccessioning.
- **Research:** exploring ideas/theories related to museum innovation, the future of museums and their role in the world.
- **Community Engagement:** formal/informal approaches to learning and engagement which are of benefit to the community. Opportunities include: public programs, contributing content for the web/social media, event planning and implementation.

Please note that the 2021 internship may be delivered entirely online pending health and safety guidelines required by the University of Alberta concerning Covid-19.

**Who can apply?**

We are looking for a creative thinker who is passionate about working in the museum field in the future and who will bring an innovative approach to the internship. To be eligible, the following requirements must be met:

- Students who are currently registered in a University of Alberta undergraduate program in a collections-based discipline, with an interest in object-based learning.
- Students who have completed at least three years (minimum *80 credits) towards an undergraduate degree at the University of Alberta prior to starting the internship. Students who have completed *120 credits within the past academic year are also eligible.
- Students who are legally permitted to work in Canada.
- Students who have demonstrated an interest in museums through volunteer or work experience.
How to apply

Interested applicants are invited to attend one of two information sessions about the Internship program and how to apply. These information sessions will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 12:00 pm (via Zoom) and Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 4:00 pm (via Zoom) and will last approximately 1 hour. To register for either session, please RSVP online. Links will be sent to those who registered for the sessions closer to the date.

Applications must include the following:

• a completed UAlberta Museums Student Internship in Museum Innovation application form
• a curriculum vitae
• an up-to-date University of Alberta transcript (can be unofficial)
• a maximum two-page (750 word) statement of interest that identifies a specific area of interest in museology/museum innovation and demonstrates:
  ▪ the applicant’s passion and interest in a museum career, outlining relevant museum-related work and/or volunteer experience;
  ▪ the applicant’s academic or professional area of interest; and
  ▪ how the internship supports the applicant's professional goals.

• two letters of support that address:
  ▪ the nature and specifics of the referee’s relationship to the applicant;
  ▪ an overview of the applicant’s education and/or professional experience;
  ▪ the referee’s assessment of the applicant’s prospects for success in the internship program;
  ▪ the referee’s assessment of the applicant’s interest and suitability for a museum/museology related professional career; and
  ▪ any academic and/or professional accomplishments with which the referee is familiar.

Process

• Application deadline is 11:59pm Tuesday, March 2, 2021.
• There are two options to submit an application:
  1. Submit completed application via email to: Christina Marocco - HR & Finance Lead (christina.marocco@ualberta.ca)
     Subject Line: 2021 UAlberta Museums Summer Internship Application [Your First and Last Name]
  2. Apply through the UAlberta Career Centre (campusBRIDGE)

If you have any questions concerning the internship that are not covered in the Information Session, please contact Jill Horbay, Communications and Marketing Manager at horbay@ualberta.ca.

• Applications will be adjudicated by March 31, 2021 in accordance with University of Alberta human resource protocols.
• The Internship is offered annually between May and August and will begin and conclude at mutually agreeable dates negotiated between the successful applicant and the UAlberta Museums unit. Interns will be employed by the University of Alberta Museums unit.

• Remuneration: Grade 3 Step 1 (Operating Trust | 35 hours/week).

About the UAlberta Museums

The University of Alberta Museums is a unique distributed network of 29 diverse museum collections. With numbers of objects totalling in the millions, the museum collections are a rich resource used daily to fuel discovery and advance knowledge through teaching, research, and community engagement. The University of Alberta Museums unit (UAMU) is a central unit that facilitates and coordinates the University’s innovative museum model and is the source of professional museum information, services, programs and expertise. UAMU administers a campus-wide museums and collections policy under UAPPOL, acts as a liaison between the collections on campus and the broader community, and provides advisory services and training in a range of museum practice.

About the UAlberta Museums Student Internship

The Student Internship in Museum Innovation was established to commemorate the Friends of the University of Alberta Museums’ 25th Anniversary in 2009, to provide support to University of Alberta students who wish to pursue careers in museum study, practice, research or innovation, and to provide an opportunity for student scholarship related to museology and object-based learning.
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Application Form

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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**EDUCATION**

Are you currently an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta?  Yes  No

Please indicate your Faculty, Department, and degree program:

Please indicate your major and minor for your program:

Please indicate the number of course credits you have completed toward your degree:

**INTERNSHIP**

Where possible, your preferences and areas of interest will be accommodated. However, the internship is intended to provide experience in all areas of museum practice and in diverse museum collections.

Please indicate in, the order of preference, which area of museum practice interests you, using the numbers 1 – 6 with 1 being your first choice.

Curation __  Education __  Exhibitions __  Collections Management __  Communications __  Research __

Please indicate which three collections interest you in order of preference, 1 being your first choice:

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Please submit the following:

- UAlberta Museums Student Internship Application Form
- Curriculum vitae
- Up-to-date UAlberta transcript
- Statement of interest
- Two letters of support

Submit completed application via email to:

Christina Marocco - HR & Finance Lead ([christina.marocco@ualberta.ca](mailto:christina.marocco@ualberta.ca))

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The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of the Universities Act and Section 32 (c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purpose of determining eligibility for admission UAlberta Museums Summer Internship. Access to personal information is protected under the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. For further information, contact the Associate Director, UAlberta Museums, Ring House 1, (780) 492-5834, museums@ualberta.ca.