



Mattress Factory

## **Fall 2017 Museum Education TEEN ART COOP Intern (Part-time, unpaid)**

### **Organization Overview**

The Mattress Factory museum of art is an internationally known museum of contemporary art focused on installation works. The museum's exhibitions are created on-site by artists from across the country and around the world. The museum's campus is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side. The buildings house a growing and distinctive permanent collection, featuring artists James Turrell, Yayoi Kusama, Winifred Lutz, Greer Lankton and Rolf Julius, as well as innovative exhibitions that change throughout the year.

The museum develops and programs rotating exhibitions featuring artists known regionally, nationally and internationally. The museum's education department creates programming for each exhibition; educational activities for children, families and target audiences, and programs in the schools that use installation art to support a variety of educational needs of teachers and students. Each June, the Mattress Factory holds its much-anticipated *Urban Garden Party* fundraising event, whose planning and execution requires the efforts of the entire museum staff.

### **Internship Overview**

The Mattress Factory's Education Department is currently accepting applications for a part-time, upbeat intern for the TEEN ART COOPERATIVE program. This person should have an interest in the museum and education fields. They will be deeply invested and interested in art education in a museum setting and be comfortable making art in a variety of media. Reporting to the Education Program Manager, they should also have experience working with students.

The internship is a part-time position and will run from October 2nd to December 14th. Internship may extend into the Spring semester for the right candidate. This internship has a 10 hour per week minimum, with required Thursday afternoon availability. Some pre-arranged evening hours required, with additional hours required leading up to the fall teen celebration. This position is unpaid and may be taken for credit.

### **Tasks may include, but are not limited to:**

TEEN ART COOPERATIVE support:

- Assisting during artist workshops in the museum's TEEN ART COOPERATIVE program
- Work directly with and provide assistance to the Lead Museum Educator
- Working with students aged 14-18, as well as their families
- Working on a variety of art and performance projects, looking at and experiencing art in the galleries and exploring the neighborhood and community
- Creating projects alongside students, serving as a mentor and leading small group activities
- Preparing for classes, providing support to teaching artists, setting up/cleaning the studio and other workspaces
- Attend field trips to North Side locations with teens and the Lead Museum Educator

Education Department support:

- Conceive, execute, promote and evaluate our varied programming
- Shadow Museum Educators and lead discussion-based tours of the museum's galleries
- Work on special projects, do research, facilitate public programming, prepare materials and assist with school and community outreach projects



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**Requirements:**

- Previous experience or strong demonstrated interest in working with students and families
- Experience using a variety of art-making materials and techniques strongly encouraged, but not required
- Good communication and organizational skills
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently
- Interest in museum-education or art-education as a career
- Comfortable communicating with a diverse range of visitors
- Consistent week-to-week schedule a must
- Up-to-date PA Child Abuse, Criminal Record and FBI Clearances

Mattress Factory is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**To apply**

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to [internships@mattress.org](mailto:internships@mattress.org). Please put "Fall 2017 Teen Art Cooperative Intern" in the subject line.

No calls, please.