

Date: _____ Applicant name: _____

Current address: _____

Mobile phone: _____ Email: _____

Permanent address: _____

Are you eligible to work in the United States? Yes No Pronouns (Optional): _____

Education

College (currently enrolled): _____

Address: _____

Anticipated graduation date: _____ Years attended: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Other colleges or universities attended: _____

Name of cooperating educator: _____ Phone number: _____

Employment history

Employer: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Position: _____

Duties: _____

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Address: _____

Supervisor: _____ Position: _____

Duties: _____

Place an "X" in the blank next to the internship in which you are most interested. You may choose only one.

Communications Department

Marketing, Public Relations, and Community Relations

The Frist Art Museum Communications Department is responsible for a wide variety of external communications, including writing and distributing press releases, creating weekly e-newsletters and content for social media platforms, producing videos, and managing the Frist Art Museum website. This internship offers students the opportunity to gain valuable professional skills while working closely with Communications staff to promote the Frist Art Museum and widen its audience. Interns will acquire knowledge of the various local, national, and international media platforms used to inform the public of upcoming exhibitions, programming, and events. Professional activities could include research, strategic planning, and the creation and development of promotional materials. Interns will also receive the opportunity to attend meetings, lectures, and media previews to gain an enriched understanding of how the Frist Art Museum engages the community through outreach.

Applicants for this internship should have some experience in the field and provide samples of past work, which could include press releases, informational brochures, social media posts, on-campus marketing campaigns, and videos.

Internal Affairs Department Design

Art in the Elevator

Overview

Interns for the Design team are offered direct, hands-on involvement in the creation, production, and oversight of the Frist Art Museum's award-winning print and exhibition designs. Working alongside knowledgeable and experienced 2D and 3D designers, interns will gain valuable experience in real-world design applications, including graphic design projects and exhibition layout. Ideal candidates have experience working with Mac and Adobe Creative Suite software, with specific focus on InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator. The application packet for this position must include a portfolio. Juniors, Seniors, or recent grads are preferred.

Projects

The design intern will work on a variety of collateral pieces to support the organizational mission. The main focus for this internship term will be a collaborative project with a curatorial intern called Art in the Elevator. Together, these students will work with Frist mentors to propose and execute an artwork installation by a local BIPOC artist in the 9th Ave public elevator and the foyer areas on the Main and Upper Levels at the Frist Art Museum. As the graphic designer on the project, the selected student will create the visual look and feel to support the artwork, as well as propose and plan the elevator layouts. This project gives students an expedited inside look at the process of putting on an exhibition.

Education and Engagement Department

Community Engagement, Education, Evaluation, and Public Learning

This internship allows the successful applicant to work alongside Education and Community Engagement staff on the development of exhibition-driven projects or community-based projects. Projects may include exhibition research, program and activity development and implementation, evaluation, and field testing. The intern will gain an understanding of the various audiences we serve, including adults, children, college students, community organizations, docents, educators, families, general visitors, and teens. Based on the intern's interests, the internship may be focused on a particular area or audience.

Exhibitions Department

Curatorial

Curatorial interns will work closely with Frist Art Museum curators on exhibition research, development, and interpretation. Ideal candidates will possess strong research and writing skills. The application packet for this position must include a writing sample, a letter of reference from a professor familiar with the candidate's work, and a list of completed related coursework to be considered.

Internship Description

What: All internships are paid. Interns are paid \$16 per hour on a weekly basis.

Interns are expected to fulfill a maximum of 128 hours to successfully complete the program. They are generally expected to complete a minimum of 8 hours per week, but this expectation is flexible with the agreement of the supervisor.

Who: Any student or recent graduate may apply. Preference is given to juniors and seniors majoring in art education, art history, business, communications, design, education, fine arts, museum studies, and/or related areas, and recent graduates with degrees in these fields.

Where: Frist Art Museum (on-site)

When: Spring 2027 (16 weeks, January–May. Orientation is on January 15, 2027.)

This internship program is a paid opportunity designed to offer students a dynamic and specialized learning experience during the academic year with some financial support.

Application process

To be considered for an internship, you must submit a packet containing all of the following:

- A cover letter explaining why you would like to participate in the selected internship at the Frist Art Museum and how it fits into your long-term career goals

- A letter of recommendation from an academic faculty member

- A completed Intern Application Form

How did you hear about this internship?

- Career services at your college/university

- Frist Art Museum website

- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X)

- Professor(s) at your college/university

- Word of mouth

- Other: _____

Your application must be submitted as a PDF to internships@FristArtMuseum.org with the following filename format:

LastName_FirstName_Spring2027app

The deadline for applications is October 12, 2026.

I hereby affirm that the information provided on this application or about the processing of this application (and accompanying documents, if any) is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false statements or significant omissions made on or about my application and accompanying documents shall be considered sufficient reason for dismissal, regardless of when discovered. This application does not necessitate an internship offer. If my application is accepted, I agree to conform to the rules and regulations of the Frist Art Museum, and I also agree that my internship can be terminated at any time.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The Frist Art Museum is an equal opportunity employer that values and seeks out a diversity of perspectives.

This is a competitive program: applying for a position DOES NOT guarantee you an internship. You will be immediately notified by email when your packet has arrived. We will contact those whom we wish to interview.