

MFA H | *Summer Internship* *Asian Art*

Position Title: Curatorial Summer Intern for the Asian Art Department

Academic Level: Undergraduate

Supervisors: Bradley Bailey, the Ting Tsung and Wei Fong Chao Curator of Asian Art; Amy Poster; and Hao Sheng, Consultant

Department: Asian Art

Start Date: Summer 2023: June 5–August 11

Internship Overview

This internship will focus primarily on three major initiatives:

- Expand online didactic materials and offerings (using Culture Connect) related to the Xuzhou Collection of Buddhist Art
- Complete research (provenance and material) and reports to acquisition two large collections of Japanese material, a group of five dozen netsuke and a collection of approximately 60 Japanese ceramics from the 18th to 21st centuries
- Conduct and compile research related to two major upcoming traveling exhibition proposals on the 20th-century Taiwanese painter Chen Jin and an important collection of archaic bronzes from the Academia Sinica, Taipei

Learning Goals and Objectives

These projects will allow the intern to gain familiarity with the workings of a curatorial department, especially related to acquisitions and exhibition planning, and through research and communication with a network of scholars to become acquainted with important figures and institutions in the field of Asian art.

Deliverables will include:

- Completed acquisitions reports for the two aforementioned collections
- 30 new entries on Culture Connect related to the Xuzhou materials
- Two completed exhibition proposals, fully illustrated with write-ups and logistical requirements

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities

- Excellent written and verbal communications skills, familiarity with academic research and writing, and a desire to meet scholars and curators in the field of Asian Art.
- Chinese language fluency is highly desired. Some knowledge of Japanese characters (mostly for artists' signatures) is also desirable.

Education and Eligibility

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

Anticipated Schedule

The internship will comprise 350 hours of work (35 hours per week for 10 weeks), Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (with hour-long lunch).

Internship Stipend

Summer undergraduate fellows receive a \$5,250 stipend (\$15/hour) for the 10-week summer internship.

Application Instructions and Deadline

Please submit the following materials to interns@mfab.org by Friday, March 17.

- Application form
- Letter of interest describing applicant's experience, area of research/specialization, and professional goals as relevant to this opportunity (maximum 1,000 words)
- Resume/CV
- Reference (1): please include name, position title, and email address for reference

Note: When submitting application materials, please include the name of the internship or fellowship in the subject line of your email. Please include all attachments as one complete file.