

MFAH *The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*

MFAH Object-Based Learning

Gallery Educator Fellowship

Position Title: Object-Based Learning, Gallery Educators

Academic Level: Undergraduate

**This job opportunity is only applicable for students currently attending Texas Southern University and the University of Houston, main campus. This may be in a full-time or part-time capacity.*

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Learning and Interpretation Mission Statement:

The Department of Learning and Interpretation (L&I) at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, engages diverse audiences through original works of art, and builds relationships of trust with all communities in Houston.

What is Object-Based Learning (OBL)?

The object-based learning team in Learning and Interpretation engages audiences from pre-K–university. OBL at the Museum promotes in-depth investigations with original works of art through communal constructs of knowledge. These dialogues and experiences invite active participation.

Position Overview:

Gallery Educators will work together and with supervisors to design and facilitate in-gallery and classroom-based experiences for elementary-age students in Houston Independent School District.

Program Overview:

Working specifically with undergraduate students from the University of Houston and Texas Southern University as Gallery Educators, the program will provide a visual academic trajectory for students at the elementary level while allowing undergraduate students to gain valuable experience in museum careers.

The Gallery Engagement Program will function as a component of the Museum’s School Tour Program, and strive to create an immersive and multidisciplinary museum experience for students within HISD schools. Our goal is to encourage engagement and form bonds between learning, art, and the gallery space itself.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- The employee will gain experience in a variety of museum education–programming models.
- The employee will learn new skills in engaging young people using museum collections.
- The employee will gain experience in applying their studies in a collaborative and constructive setting.

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities:

- Experience or interest in teaching in museums or other nontraditional learning environments
- Experience or interest in the arts (Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theatre, Creative Writing, etc.)
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Experience or ability working within a team
- Experience working with young people (K–6)
- Punctual, adaptable/flexible, and dependable
- Receptive to interdisciplinary learning models/approaches

Education and Eligibility:

- Undergraduate level: students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at the University of Houston (main campus) and Texas Southern University are eligible.
- Students from all disciplines and fields are encouraged to apply; you do not need a background in art or art history.

Anticipated Schedule:

- A specific training schedule and tour assignments will be determined by the individuals' school availability.
- Student visits will take place Mondays through Fridays between 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Fellowship Rate:

\$18 USD per hour

Application Instructions and Deadline:

Please be sure to check the application form for updated and detailed information on application instructions each semester.

Application/Hiring-Process Timeline:

The application opens at the top of every academic semester. Applications for the start of the Fall Semester will be due at the end of March, and at the top of October for the start of the Spring Semester. As this program continues on a semester-to-semester basis, applications will be reviewed as needed.