Position Title: Object-Based Learning, Lead Teaching Artist

Academic Level: Undergraduate
*This job opportunity is only applicable for students attending Texas Southern University and the University of Houston (main campus).

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Department: Learning and Interpretation

Start Date: January 2023

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 levels. 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:
The Lead Teaching Artist will support administrative tasks related to the Gallery Engagement Program. Additionally, they 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 Teaching Artists, 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:
• The program will begin in January of 2023 and is envisioned to encompass a full academic year with the potential to continue on a semester-by-semester basis. Trainings will take place in the spring of 2023.
• Lead TA administrative duties are anticipated to start January 2023.

Fellowship Rate:
$18 USD per hour

Application Instructions and Deadline:
Complete application by Friday, November 18, 2022.

Application/Hiring Process Timeline:
• APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by Friday, November 18, 2022.
• INTERVIEWS will be held in late November through early December.
• NOTIFICATIONS will be sent to selected applicants by or before Tuesday, December 20, 2022.