MFAH | Object-Based Learning
Teaching Artist Fellowship

Position Title: Object-Based Learning, Teaching Artists

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

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Department: Learning and Interpretation

Start Date: August 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.

Program & Position Overview:
Gallery Educators will work together and with supervisors to design and facilitate in-gallery and classroom-based experiences. The Gallery Engagement Program will function as a component of the Museum’s School Tour Program, and strive to create an immerse 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. Students from UH and TSU represent the diversity and ingenuity that the MFAH seeks to reflect in its collections, spaces, and programs; they are the link in between the students and the institution. Through their shared experiences, Teaching Artists will foster a sense of community and partnership for students and the museum. Students are encouraged to apply from any academic discipline; diversity in experience and knowledge are essential in fostering interdisciplinary and unique museum experiences.

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 August of 2023 and is envisioned to encompass a full academic year with the potential to continue on a semester-by-semester basis. Training will take place in the Fall of 2023. Gallery experiences will be facilitated beginning in September of 2023 and will continue until the conclusion of the position.

Fellowship Rate:
$18 USD per hour

Application/Hiring-Process Timeline:
Submit applications using the following link.
1. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE by Friday, May 19th
2. INTERVIEWS will be held in late May through the end of June
3. NOTIFICATIONS will be sent to selected applicants by or before Monday, July 3rd 2023.