



MUSEUM EDUCATION INTERN

Science & Live Collections

INTERNSHIP OBJECTIVE

The Museum Education Intern position is designed to give the intern the opportunity to gain valuable experience as an integral part of a museum planning team. They will support and supplement the Science Specialist, whose role is to plan, develop and implement science education programs for guests, including but not limited to physics-based programs and live animal demonstrations. Projects will include such things as: Researching and compiling information on USDA best practices for healthy animal keeping in a museum setting; Researching and composing information on Kidspace's animals and science demonstrations for inclusion in training manuals for interpretive staff members; Researching new simple physics experiments that interpretive staff members and volunteers can easily perform in an informal educational setting; Assisting with animal care (feeding animals, cleaning and improving the design of animal enclosures, etc.); Helping to pilot and promote workshops and special events through basic website management and collateral distribution; Assisting with inventory of science and animal related materials; Interacting with guests through science demonstrations and program assistance during special events (schedule permitting) and designated floor time; Assisting with program marketing efforts, including social medial promotion, collateral distribution and participant solicitation; Taking inventory and making supply runs; Monitoring and administering online registrations for science workshops; Maintaining kit supplies.

ABOUT KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Our mission at Kidspace is to promote education and enrich the lives of children, families, and the community through interactive experiences in science, art, and the humanities. Children's museums are an incredible seedbed of learning and discovery. The purpose of a children's museum is to inspire children to learn and grow, equip parents and teachers, and to be a safe place where learners of all abilities can do so at their own pace and focus on topics of interest to them. This is often referred to as "Free Range Learning." What makes us different from a school is our approach to informal education. Children's museums are a wonderful place to learn, grow and have fun! We believe in giving our guests hands-on experiences that are relevant and inspiring. Famous statesman, philosopher, and inventor Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." We involve guests in the process of learning. Please explore our mission further at www.kidspacemuseum.org.

DESIRED SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS

The intern should be familiar with how to search for scientific information online, and to know how to distinguish reputable sources. The intern will also need a high level of comfort handling various animals, including but not limited to rats, snakes, lizards, tarantulas and crickets. The intern should have a strong desire to learn and contribute to the museum, and should be personally aligned with the museum's mission detailed above. They should be familiar with and support the practice of informal education and inquiry-based learning. Additionally, they should have comfort turning complex information into prose the layman or a child can easily understand while not diluting the integrity of the information. Solid writing skills are required for successful execution of this position. It should be noted that part of the purpose of the internship is to teach and instill these qualities in the intern. A basic interest in and comfort level with the qualifications listed above is what is ultimately required. An interest in working with children is a must, as is a passion for science education.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Students should be currently enrolled in college with the goal of obtaining a 4 year degree related to the museum internship. Students whose course of study focuses on the following areas are encouraged to apply: Anthropology; Museum Studies; Education; Science; History; Humanities; Zoology; Art.

INTERNSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Location: Kidspace Children's Museum is located in Pasadena at the Rose Bowl in beautiful Brookside Park. The address is 480 N Arroyo Blvd, Pasadena, CA, 91103.

Internship Duration: TBD/negotiable

Start Date: TBD/negotiable

End Date: TBD/negotiable

Credit: TBD/negotiable.

Compensation: This is an unpaid internship.

Interested Students Should Contact: Brooke Applegate, Education Manager
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How To Apply: Please submit resumes and cover letters stating why you are a good fit for the internship and how you believe you will benefit from the experience to bapplegate@kidspacemuseum.org. List Museum Education Internship in the subject line. Resumes submitted without cover letters will not be considered.