

2025-2026 Academic Year Internship Program

Dates: October 16, 2025 - May 9, 2026

Reports to: Department Supervisors

FLSA Status: Paid Internship (\$18/hour)

Commitment: 14 hours per week

Applications due: August 29, 2025

Academic Year Internship Overview

Open to current undergraduate and graduate students at U.S. universities, the 2025-2026 Jewish Museum Academic Year Internship Program welcomes applicants interested in working in Education or Curatorial departments. During the course of the program (mid-October 2025 to end of May 2026), interns will be required to work on-site two days a week under the guidance of a staff member. This is a part-time internship and it requires on-site availability at the museum two days per week (14 hours total) from mid-October 2025 through the end of May 2026.

Education Department Internship

Interns in the Education Department will contribute to the development and delivery of programs serving a wide range of audiences—including students (pre-K through university), teachers, families, adults, and individuals with disabilities. The department designs and manages classes, public programs, and gallery tours, with a strong emphasis on accessibility and inclusive education. Programs serve participants who are blind or have low vision, are Deaf or hard of hearing, have developmental disabilities, or experience memory loss. Interns will assist with program planning, research, and visitor engagement, gaining experience in museum education and public programming.

Curatorial Department Internship

The Curatorial Department researches, develops, and organizes the Museum's special exhibitions and oversees its collection of approximately 30,000 objects spanning 3,500 years of the intersection of art and Jewish culture. Curators are responsible for acquisitions, interpretive frameworks, scholarly research, and catalogues, and exhibitions. Interns will help with conducting primary and secondary research for upcoming museum exhibitions and planned or prospective acquisitions, drafting and submission of loan requests, and editing label texts, among other tasks.

Shoshanna and David Wingate Graduate Curatorial Internship

This internship—made possible through the generosity of Shoshanna and David Wingate—is open to one graduate student preparing for a future curatorial career. Intended for current M.A. or Ph.D. students in art history or related fields at U.S. universities, the Wingate Internship offers a unique and immersive opportunity to support exhibition development and acquisition research under the guidance of a Jewish Museum curator.

The ideal candidate will demonstrate strong writing skills and experience in object-based research; possess the ability to engage with advanced art historical scholarship and relevant literature; conduct library and archival research efficiently; and have graduate-level knowledge of European and American modern and contemporary art. Familiarity with Jewish history and culture is welcome but not required.

The Wingate Graduate Intern will work closely with a curator who will serve as both supervisor and mentor.

Responsibilities:

Completion of department work

Regular communication and meetings with department supervisor

Attend regularly scheduled programs for interns

Requirements:

Current university student (B.A., M.A., Ph.D. level)

Availability to work onsite

Interest in museum work, art, and Jewish culture

To apply, send resume and cover letter to interns@thejm.org. Also complete the [internship application](#) via Google Forms.

All interns must have valid U.S. work authorization.

On the internship application form under "type of internship sought," please indicate to which department position you are applying.