

2026 Jewish Museum Summer Institute

Dates: June 8 – August 7, 2026

Reports to: Department Supervisors

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

Commitment: 35 hours per week (Full-Time)

Applications due: February 20, 2026

Summer Institute Overview

This nine-week hybrid internship combines work experience in a department at the Jewish Museum with topical group discussions and field trips. Learn about every aspect of work at the Jewish Museum, discuss museums and other cultural organizations with a focus on institutional reckoning and social change, and imagine the future of museum work with a group of your peers. Meet with Jewish Museum staff to hear about their vision for the Museum, and explore the work of producing and promoting exhibitions and programs with curators, designers, educators, and fundraisers. Special guests include artists, writers, exhibition designers, executive directors, and other innovators in the art world. There will also be regularly scheduled field trips to artist studios and other museums and cultural institutions.

While participating in the Institute, interns will work in a specific department while also completing an independent project such as an artwork, essay, or exhibition proposal related to their summer experience. During a typical program week, interns spend approximately twenty hours on department work, ten hours on independent projects, and five hours in group meetings and discussions.

Note: This internship requires four onsite workdays per week. The mandatory days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The fourth onsite day will be selected by the intern and their supervisor. Remote work will be an option on Mondays or Fridays depending on the date selected. Each intern will have a dedicated workspace at the Museum.

Additionally, please note that due to the Museum's payroll parameters, applicants must have a Social Security Number and be eligible to work in the United States.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in group discussions and field trips each week
- Complete department work and independent project
- Attend regular check-ins and meetings with supervisors

Requirements:

- Current or recently graduated college or university student (BA or MA level)
- Interest in museum work, art, and Jewish culture
- Ability to participate in a seminar-type discussions
- Availability to work onsite at the Jewish Museum

To apply, send resume, cover letter, [internship application](#), and list of relevant coursework to interns@thejm.org. Make sure to save your completed internship application PDF before sending.

On the internship application form under "preferred placement," please indicate three areas which interest you the most:

- Collections
- Curatorial
- Design*
- Development (fundraising)
- Digital Content and Communications
- Education: Access (programs for visitors with disabilities)
- Education: Public Programs for Adult Audiences
- Education: School and Family Programs
- Legal
- Publications
- Retail

*Design candidates must submit a portfolio along with the other required application materials.

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