

MFAH Internship/Fellowship Description

Intern/Fellow Title:	Graduate Curatorial Intern, Art of the Islamic Worlds
Academic Level:	Graduate
Supervisor:	Aimée Froom, Curator, Art of the Islamic Worlds
Department:	Art of the Islamic Worlds
Dates of Internship/Fellowship Term:	June 11-August 17, 2018

Project Overview:

The fellow will work with the curator on special and on-going projects including:

- Developing the theme for an upcoming long-term loan exhibition
- Management of the long-term installation, *Arts of Islamic Lands: Selections from the al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait*
- Object research and preparation for future rotations of *Collections in Conversation*, which brings the Art of the Islamic Worlds collection in conversation with global collections throughout the museum and invites contemplation of shared, cross-cultural themes

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- The fellow will become familiar with museum practices and daily operations.
- She or he will gain original and secondary research skills.
- As part of his or her training and mentoring, the fellow will have the rare opportunity to look at original works of art on a regular basis with a curator and develop his or her eye.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Art History background required
- Coursework in Islamic art required
- MA in hand, preferred
- Excellent organizational skills and ability to work both collaboratively and independently required
- Strong communication skills preferred
- Library and internet skills required
- Language skills preferred but not required (Persian, Arabic, French, German).

Education and Eligibility

- Graduate level: Students currently enrolled in a graduate program or who recently completed (within one year) a Master's degree or Ph.D. are eligible for this opportunity.

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Anticipated Schedule:

- The internship will comprise 350 hours (35 hours per week for 10 weeks), which will begin on Monday, June 11 and should be completed by Friday, August 17, 2018. *If necessary, hours/days missed can be made up by Friday, August 24, 2018.*
- Monday through Friday, 9 to 5 pm (with hour-long lunch).
- The first two weeks will include approximately 10 hours of orientations (including human resources, information technology, library, etc.)
- Interns and fellows have the opportunity to participate in professional development sessions organized by staff in the Department of Learning and Interpretation during the first week of the summer term and during regular “brown bag” lunches scheduled throughout the summer. During these professional development opportunities, MFAH interns and fellows convene to learn about different aspects of museum careers and the MFAH’s operations.

Unpaid/Academic Credit Internship:

- **Academic Credit:** Students wishing to earn academic credit do not qualify for a stipend and are responsible for ensuring all necessary paperwork is complete with your college/university. If MFAH personnel (University Programs Specialist and/or Intern/Fellow Supervisor) must complete paperwork (verify time-logs, evaluation, etc.), it is your responsibility to bring the paperwork to the MFAH’s attention. Additionally, your college/university may have fewer or greater requirements for academic credit. If fewer requirements, you acknowledge the need to abide by the MFAH’s requirements. If greater requirements, you acknowledge the need to inform the MFAH, and you understand the MFAH may or may not guarantee compliance with requirements of other institutions.
- **Unpaid Internship:** By agreeing to an unpaid internship, you acknowledge the internship will not constitute employment and no stipend will be provided.

Application Instructions and Deadline:

Please submit the following materials to interns@mfaah.org.

- Letter of interest describing your experience and professional goals as relevant to this opportunity (maximum 1000 words)
- Résumé/CV
- Writing sample of no more than 25 pages max.

When submitting application materials, please include the name of the internship or fellowship, in the subject line of your email. The deadline for applications for the MFAH Summer 2018 Internship and Fellowship program is **Friday, March 16, 2018**.