

MFAH Internship/Fellowship Description

Intern/Fellow Title:	Decorative Arts, Craft, and Design Fellow
Academic Level:	Masters
Supervisor:	Cindi Strauss
Department:	Decorative Arts, Craft, and Design Fellow
Dates of Internship/Fellowship Term:	June 11-August 17, 2018

Project Overview:

- The fellow will provide support for the upcoming catalogue and exhibition of European, primarily Italian, radical design from 1965-1985. This time period stands as one of the most creative, experimental, and avant-garde for the field of modern design. It was a movement that often embraced a social, political, and environmental conscious. However, due to limited commercial success the radical designs were often overlooked and under recognized. The exhibition will revisit this moment and shed light on an influential period in design that continues to shape the field today. The exhibit opens in Fall 2019 accompanied by an illustrated catalogue with scholarly essays by the curator and additional experts. The fellow will conduct object, designer, and manufacturer research for both the catalogue and exhibit. In addition the fellow will provide supplementary research to develop a narrative for the period and movement.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- Gain knowledge of the important works, designers, and manufacturers of the radical design movement in Europe from 1965-1985 through research for publication and exhibition.
- Utilize archival resources and documentary materials for research.
- Coordinate with internal museum departments on the logistics of publications, exhibition design, and photography/image requests.

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- A background or coursework in 20th century design history.
- Excellent organizational skills.
- Ability to work both collaboratively and independently.
- Reading comprehension of Italian a plus but not necessary.
- Strong research skills and familiarity with design databases.

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.

Graduate Fellowship Stipend:

- Summer graduate fellows receive a \$4900 stipend (\$14/hour) for the 10 week summer internship.

Application Instructions and Deadline:

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

- Letter of interest describing your experience and professional goals as relevant to this opportunity (maximum 1000 words)
- Résumé/CV

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**.