

MFAH *The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston*

Position Available

Title:	Samuel H. Kress Interpretive Fellow
Reports To:	W. T. and Louise J. Moran Chair of the Department of Learning and Interpretation, MFAH
Pay Type:	Full-Time, Regular, Exempt, 35 hrs/week
Salary:	Commensurate with Experience and Education
Benefits:	Group Medical and Dental Insurance, Life and Long Term Disability Insurance, Retirement Plan, Flexible Spending Plans, Paid Time Off, Reserve Time Off, Holiday Pay, Museum Membership and Discounts
Work Schedule:	Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm
Work Location:	Law Building, a non-smoking facility

Responsibilities:

The Kress Interpretive Fellow will work collaboratively with staff in Learning and Interpretation, Curatorial, and Conservation to help create interpretive connections within the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's permanent collections: connecting audiences to pre-modern European art; connecting pre-modern European art to arts of the Islamic worlds and Asian art; and connecting pre-modern European art to modern and contemporary art. The Fellow will be involved with the broad initiative at the MFAH to create interpretive tools that will reach the Museum's diverse audiences and communities.

1) Connecting audiences to pre-modern European art

- Collaborate with curatorial, learning and interpretation, and conservation
- Assist in developing printed, self-guided tours connecting the Kress Collection, the Straus Collection, the Blaffer Foundation, Collection, and the John A. and Audrey Jones Beck Collection at the MFAH
- Assist in keeping interpretive content from the *Secrets Revealed* exhibition active in the Museum's permanent collection galleries
- Assist in finalizing interpretive tools for *Tudors to Windsors: British Royal Portraits from Holbein to Warhol* exhibition
 - Audio tour
 - Printed in-gallery quizzes
 - Docent training

2) Connecting pre-modern European art with art of the Islamic worlds and Asian art

- Collaborate with cross-departmental curatorial team, learning and interpretation, and marketing and communication
- Assist in developing interpretive content for "collections in conversation" installations
- Assist in creating an interpretive pathway guide to link pre-modern European art to Islamic and Asian art at the MFAH
- Contribute content to *Share @MFAH* social media campaign
- Create virtual exhibition on Google Art connecting European, Islamic, and Asian art collections

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3) **Connecting pre-modern European art with modern and contemporary art**

- Collaborate with cross-departmental curatorial team and learning and interpretation
- Participate in Humanities Texas grant project, *Crossing Disciplines: Interpretation for Diverse Audiences*. Contribute to discussions linking Museum's modern and contemporary galleries to pre-modern European collections.
- Assist learning and interpretation team in Mobile Story Booth training and events

Skills, Knowledge and Abilities:

- Broad knowledge of global art history, with particular expertise in European art
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written
- Willingness to engage in a broad introduction to the interpretation process at a museum, rather than a focused research experience
- Knowledge of a European language (German, French, or Italian) desired
- Basic fluency in the application of digital resources for learning and research a plus
- Familiarity with some aspect of museum work or learning theory as it relates to museum audiences desired

Education and Experience:

- B.A. degree in art history, studio art, or museum studies
- Ideally pursuing graduate study in these or related fields, or recently completed M.A. or Ph.D. degree in one of these fields
- Expects to develop a career in museum work, either as a museum educator or curator

How to Apply:

Send resume to Human Resources, Job 19-039EDU, P.O. Box 6826, Houston TX 77265-6826; Fax 713-639-7508 or email: jobs@mfaah.org.