



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **I am interested in pursuing a curatorial career. Is this program a good fit for me?**

This internship may not be a good fit for applicants interested in pursuing a curatorial museum career as program activities and internship projects are geared towards non-curatorial subfields. You can find various curatorial internship opportunities at many of our Smithsonian museums by visiting <https://internships.si.edu/>.

### **What are relevant majors?**

Though majors in the humanities and social sciences—such as Art, Art History, Arts Education, Design, Digital Humanities, Museum Studies, Ethnic Studies, Anthropology, History, and related fields—may align particularly well with art, history, and culture museum careers, applicants of other academic backgrounds may still submit competitive applications if they demonstrate a strong interest in a museum career and submit compelling application materials.

Architecture, Interior Design, Industrial Design, and other related majors may also be interested in pursuing our Exhibition Design, Fabrication and Production internship project offerings.

Museums benefit from a wide range of knowledge and experience, so we encourage applicants of any academic background to apply if they are interested in pursuing a museum career.

### **Will I receive academic credit for participating?**

The Smithsonian is not a credit-granting institution and cannot confer academic credit to interns. Selected participants are responsible for arranging academic credit for their internship with their academic institutions. Contact your academic advisor or department chair to understand how you can prepare to participate if you are selected for the program.

### **Is the program offered in the spring or summer?**

No, the Latino Museum Studies Program Internship is only offered in the fall cycle.



## **Eligibility and Selection**

### **Am I eligible to apply if I graduate after the application deadline?**

Yes, graduating college seniors are eligible if they are enrolled in a program of study at the time of application. If accepted into the program, you do not have to be enrolled in a program of study while participating in the program.

### **I already graduated from my college or university. Am I eligible to apply?**

No, applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program at the time of application. For other Smithsonian internship and fellowship opportunities, please visit [www.smithsonianofi.com](http://www.smithsonianofi.com).

### **If accepted, will I have to complete a background check?**

Yes, candidates are subject to a background check if they are accepted into the program.

### **Do I have to identify as Latino or Hispanic to apply?**

No, applicants of all backgrounds are welcome to apply.

### **Do I have to be bilingual in English and Spanish to participate?**

All cohort and seminar programming are conducted in English. However, Spanish fluency may be a requirement for specific practicums that include Spanish language materials, audiences, or content. Please read the project description of the practicums you are interested in to verify language requirements.

### **Do I need to be a US citizen to participate in the program?**

You do not have to be a US citizen to apply, however, applicants must be authorized to work in the United States.

### **How do I apply to the program?**

All applicants must apply through the Smithsonian's Online Academic Appointment System ([SOLAA](#)) to begin your application. For further instructions, reference the LMSP Undergraduate Internship webpage.

### **When are selection decisions announced?**



Selection decisions are announced in May. All applicants are notified of their selection status through the SOLAA system.

**I applied previously and I was not selected. Can I apply again this year?**

Yes, please consider reapplying if you still meet the eligibility requirements.

**Internship Experience**

**What type of housing does the program provide?**

Program-provided housing arrangements and location change from year to year. Generally, participants share a furnished apartment and share a room with one other person. Program staff make their best efforts to select housing in a location central to all internship sites.

**What is the time commitment to participate in the program?**

The program is a full-time, Monday through Friday commitment. You must be able to be in Washington, D.C. for the duration of the program.

**How is the program responding to COVID-19?**

The Smithsonian is a mask-friendly institution and is committed to fostering an inclusive, safe, and supportive workplace.

**Does the program provide reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities?**

Yes. The Smithsonian is committed to creating an inclusive and accessible environment for all participants. Program staff will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations to ensure interns with disabilities can fully participate in the program. If you require accommodations, please reach out to [lmstudio@si.edu](mailto:lmstudio@si.edu) either during the application process or after acceptance.