

Koffler Gallery Academic Internship Placement

The mandate of the Koffler Gallery is to offer a dynamic forum for the presentation of contemporary art, developing a year-round program of exhibitions, publications, public programs and educational initiatives, and fostering the production of new works by Canadian and international artists in all stages of their careers. Reflecting diverse cultural, material and aesthetic orientations, the program highlights the contemporary Jewish experience in a unique framework that invites a comparative examination of narratives among people of varied heritages within a larger discussion of identity, memory and place.

Academic interns are invited to apply to the Koffler Gallery to gain valuable work experience and assist the gallery in fulfilling its goal of providing accessible and engaging programming for audiences of all ages, cultural backgrounds and walks of life. Core duties include public engagement and assistance with educational programs. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to take on other projects and tasks depending on interests.

Please note: this internship is for current university and college students only.

Duties:

- Audience Engagement: This includes supervision of the gallery during public hours, greeting and assisting visitors, encouraging conversations and providing information about the gallery and the exhibitions
- Field Research: Engaging with visitors to learn more about our audience and think about ways to better serve them.
- Assistance with planning and research for educational programs related to exhibitions
- Assistance with workshops for educators, schools and special interest groups
- Assistance with general administration
- Assistance with social media initiatives and content development for Koffler Digital
- Assistance during Gallery receptions, public programs and other events as needed

Benefits:

Interns will have an opportunity to meet artists, curators and other arts professionals. They will also be involved with the development of educational workshops and initiatives. Interns will be trained in various gallery education strategies, the Koffler's programming and exhibition content and various elements of art history. The training program will help interns develop reading, research and analytical skills in addition to becoming more effective communicators and educators. Training will include:

- The study of historical and cultural context in which exhibition artworks are created
- In-gallery discussion and facilitation techniques
- Practice tours and presentations designed to promote effective interactive touring skills for diverse audiences

For more information and to apply please submit your availability, areas of interest and resume to **Patricia Ritacca, Education and Public Engagement Manager, Koffler Gallery**, pritacca@kofflerarts.org. Please also include any pertinent internship requirements from your institution. We ask that interested candidates commit to a minimum of one shift (6 hours) a week for 2 months (or one exhibition run).