

Internship Possibilities at UCSB

[ART, DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM](#) [↗](#) / [ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN COLLECTION](#) [↗](#) (ARTHI 192A-B, *Optional Grading*)

Art, Design & Architecture Museum internships (ARTHI 192A) vary based on availability and student interest; options include internships in the Architecture and Design Collection (ARTHI 192B) which are archival. Students intern for the full academic year and attend a weekly seminar; applications are accepted during spring quarter for the following year. For application information, contact the 2023-2024 Intern Coordinator, Alida Jekabson, ajekabson@ucsb.edu [✉](#). Four units earned through these internships may be applied to the Museum Studies emphasis or minor. If taken for a letter grade the units may also be applied to the other HAA major and minor tracks. Otherwise, students receive only units.

Students applying for an AD&A Museum internship can indicate the [Education and Outreach Program \(EOP\)](#) [↗](#) as one of the options to which they would like to be assigned. The EOP is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of K-12 students in the Santa Barbara area by introducing them to Art and Architectural History. Interns make presentations and guide students in classroom activities. Together with the EOP Coordinator, they curate the annual Kinder Art exhibition. For more information, contact the 2023-2024 EOP Coordinator, Letícia Cobra Lima, leticiacobralima@ucsb.edu [✉](#).

[IMAGE RESOURCE CENTER](#) [↗](#) (IRC) (ARTHI 192C, *Pass/No Pass Grading*)

An internship in the IRC aids in developing skills in visual technologies and/or object study for research and in education. The internship may be designed with a focus in one or more of these areas:

- image technology related to research in art and architectural history
- archival work with 35mm slides and potentially materials from the Architecture and Design Collection
- object study in collaboration with the AD&A Museum and COBRAL, including object storage, handling, transfer and display

To apply, send your resume, a list of related work experience and coursework, and a clear outline of your goals for an internship to: IRC.info@arthistory.ucsb.edu [✉](#). Applications are due four weeks before the beginning of the quarter in which the student intends to start working. For more information, contact the IRC via email or at (805) 893-2509.

[CHEADLE CENTER FOR BIODIVERSITY & ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION \(CCBER\)](#) [↗](#) (ARTHI 192D, *Pass/No Pass Only*)

Contact: Katja Seltmann, seltmann@ccber.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2401

Curatorial internships are available with the UCSB Herbarium and UCSB Invertebrate Zoology Collections. The Natural History Collections Club observes and hosts events involving the various collections at the CCBER.

[INTERNSHIP IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECORD-KEEPING AND COLLECTIONS](#) [↗](#) (ANTH 178, *Optional Grading*)

Contact: Prof. Amber VanDerwarker, vanderwarker@anth.ucsb.edu [✉](#)

Interns serve as assistants in the department's Central Coast Information Center or Repository for Ethnographic and Archaeological Collections or both.

INTERNSHIP IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (ANTH 183, *Optional Grading*)

Contact: Prof. Amber VanDerwarker, vanderwarker@anth.ucsb.edu [✉](#)

Interns serve as assistants or trainees in the archaeological programs of a governmental agency, a museum, or a private firm in the local area. In collaboration with the instructor and an extramural archaeologist, the student conceives a set of activities for the internship.

[EXHIBITION STUDIES INTERNSHIP IN ART](#) [↗](#) (ART 192ES)

Contact: Prof. Kim Yasuda, yasuda@ucsb.edu [✉](#)

This internship provides pedagogical and practical support for students exhibiting work within the Art Building and other venues across campus such as Cheadle Hall and the University Library. Among other skills, the course will include intensive training in exhibition scheduling and curating, installation and display, the production of didactic supplements such as information sheets, wall texts and titles, methods of promotion as well as de-installation and art handling.

INDIGENOUS STUDIES INTERNSHIPS (*CH ST 115N, Optional Grading*)

Contact: Prof. Gerardo Aldana, gvaldana@chicst.ucsb.edu ✉

Introduction to [NAGPRA](#) ✉ (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) and campus repatriation efforts toward compliance through supporting and/or contributing to the work of the UCSB [Repository of Archaeological and Ethnographic Collections](#) ✉. Students learn about local indigenous community issues and allyship and acquire archival, collections, database and/or GIS experience based on interest. Internships comprise attendance at a one-hour seminar each week and flexible hours of supervised work.

Internship Possibilities in the Santa Barbara Area

*This is a selective list; there are many more galleries and museums in the Santa Barbara area. **All courses taken off-campus must be taken as ARTHI 192E (Pass/No Pass Only) if the student would like to receive units for their internship. These units count towards general degree requirements, NOT major requirements, with the exception that the units may apply to Area A of the upper-division requirements of the History of Art & Architecture major with an Emphasis in Museum Studies or Museum Studies minor**

[AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER](#) ✉ (AIASB)

Contact: Tara Rizzi, Executive Director
229 E. Victoria St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
tararizzi@aiasb.com ✉ or (805) 966-4198

[ARCHITECTURAL FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA](#) ✉

Contact: Allison Marcillac, Executive Director
229 E. Victoria St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
info@afsb.org ✉ or (805) 965-6307

[THE ARTS FUND](#) ✉

Contact: Marcello Ricci, Program Director
205C Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
info@artsfundsb.org ✉ or (805) 965-7321

The Arts Fund, a Santa Barbara-based nonprofit committed to supporting artists and arts programming in our community, announces the availability of a limited number of internships. This is an opportunity for interested students (undergraduate or graduate) to learn about arts management while making a valuable contribution to the community. Internships are voluntary and unpaid and requires a quarter commitment and flexible schedule. Interns will gain experience in arts administration, gallery management, exhibit design and installation, fundraising and nonprofit administration.

[CASA DEL HERRERO](#) ✉


Contact: Nichole LaViola, Membership and Volunteer Coordinator
1387 E. Valley Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108
laviola@casadelherrero.com ✉ or (805) 565-5653, ext. 202

[CASA DOLORES, CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE POPULAR ARTS IN MEXICO](#) ✉


Contact: Sonia Khachikians
1023 Bath Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
casadoloresb@gmail.com ✉ or (805) 963-1032

Casa Dolores, Center for the Study of the Popular Arts of Mexico, is a nonprofit organization devoted to the collection, preservation, study, and exhibition of an extensive variety of objects of the popular arts of Mexico. Our Collections Internship is set up to assist with the ongoing inventory of the collection and ongoing or upcoming exhibitions. Interns spend most of their time on collection inventory, cataloging, tagging, labeling, and researching artifacts, but may also assist with ongoing special projects. To apply for this internship, please submit a resume and cover letter by e-mail to casadoloresb@gmail.com ✉.


[FINE ART CONSERVATION LAB](#) 

Contact: Gena Dillon, Office Manager
P.O. Box 23557, Santa Barbara, CA 93121
faclofficemanager@gmail.com  or (805) 564-3438


[LOTUSLAND](#) 

Contact: Sierra Butler, Receptionist
695 Ashley Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93108
sbutler@lotusland.org  or (805) 969-3767, ext. 101


[THE SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN, PRITZLAFF CONSERVATION CENTER GALLERY](#) 

Contact: Kate Davis, Interpretation and Evaluation Coordinator
1212 Mission Canyon Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105
kdavis@sbbg.org  or (805) 682-4726, ext. 160

[SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OFFICE OF ARTS & CULTURE](#) 


Contact: Sarah York Rubin, Executive Director
Santa Barbara County Courthouse, 1100 Anacapa St, Third Floor, Rotunda Tower, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
sarah@sbac.ca.gov  or (805) 568-3992

[SANTA BARBARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM](#)  (Collections)

Contact: Collections Department
136 E. De la Guerra St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
collections@sbhistorical.org  or (805) 966-1601, ext. 108


Gain experience in managing the museum's collections, which include prints, paintings, sculptures, textiles and other items of historical significance. Complete an inventory of objects, re-housing and arranging objects, conserving objects in archival boxes. Assist in collections registration by assigning accession numbers and object ID numbers, creating and digitizing catalog records.

[SANTA BARBARA HISTORICAL MUSEUM](#)  (Education)

Contact: Education Department
136 E. De la Guerra St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
emily@sbhistorical.org  or (805) 966-1601, ext. 104

As a volunteer, you will have the chance to develop new skills, meet like-minded people, and provide real and meaningful educational opportunities for the Santa Barbara community. Opportunities include assisting the Education Department with tours and community programs; developing, implementing and marketing school and adult programs; and creating interpretive materials for new exhibitions.



[SANTA BARBARA MARITIME MUSEUM](#) 

Contact: Jessica Tade, Deputy Director
113 Harbor Way, Ste. 190, Santa Barbara, CA 93109
jtade@sbsmm.org  or (805) 284-0299


[SANTA BÁRBARA MISSION ARCHIVE-LIBRARY](#)  (SBMAL)

Contact: Research
2201 Laguna St., Santa Barbara, CA 93105
research@sbmal.org 


[SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART](#) 

Contact: Margot Dement, Human Resources Director
1130 State St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
mdement@sbma.net  or hr@sbma.net  or (805) 884-6440

[SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY](#)

Contact: Human Resources
2559 Puesta del Sol, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
hr@sbnature2.org  or (805) 682-4711

[SANTA BARBARA TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION](#) (SBTHP)


Contact: Andrew Doran, Director of Membership & Event Rentals
123 E. Canon Perdido St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2215
andrew@sbthp.org  or (805) 961-5374

The SBTHP offers internships in the following areas: Museum Education, Museum Curation, Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Development and Public Relations, and Events.

[SULLIVAN GOSS - AN AMERICAN GALLERY](#)


Contact: Nathan Vonk
11 E. Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101
nathan@sullivangoss.com  or (805) 730-1460

[WATERHOUSE GALLERY](#)

Contact: Ralph and Diane Waterhouse
La Arcada Plaza, 1114 State Street, Suite 9, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
art@waterhousegallery.com  or (805) 962-8885


Internship Possibilities in the Santa Ynez/Solvang Area

[ELVERHØJ MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART](#)

Contact: Esther Jacobsen Bates, Executive Director
1624 Elverhoy Way, Solvang, CA 93463
esther@elverhoj.org  or (805) 686-1211


Elverhøj Museum of History & Art is located in a historic hand-crafted structure built in a style derived from the large farmhouses of 18th century Denmark. Visitors to Elverhøj Museum (pronounced el-ver-hoy) can view Solvang's history through photos, artifacts and video displays; enjoy exhibits celebrating the Danish-American pioneer spirit and the colorful heritage of Denmark; and stroll the attractive and spacious gallery which shows changing exhibitions of regional, national and international art and is a popular site for activities, events, and classes.


[SANTA YNEZ VALLEY HISTORICAL MUSEUM](#)

3596 Sagunto Street, Santa Ynez, CA 93460
info@santaynezmuseum.org  or (805) 688-7889

Internship Possibilities in the Los Angeles Area

[GETTY MARROW UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP](#)

Contact: The Getty Foundation
1200 Getty Center Dr., Ste. 800, Los Angeles, CA 90049-1685
summerinterns@getty.edu  or (310) 440-7320


A ten-week internship for undergraduates who currently live or attend school in Los Angeles County and who are from cultural backgrounds that have traditionally been underrepresented in the arts. These paid internships are at the Getty Center, the Getty Villa, or 150 local arts institutions throughout Los Angeles County. Students wishing to intern at the Getty Center or Getty Villa must apply directly to Getty. See [application instructions](#) .

[EDWARD CELLA ART & ARCHITECTURE](#)


Contact: Edward Cella, Director (UCSB Art History '96)
2754 S. La Cienega Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90034
director@edwardcella.com  or (323) 525-0053

[LA COUNTY ARTS & CULTURE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Contact: internship@arts.lacounty.gov  or (213) 202-5858


Summer job opportunities for college students are available through the Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program. Visit [Los Angeles County Arts & Culture Internship Positions](#)  for a list organization offering internships, include location and job titles. Yearly lists of available internships are usually posted at the end of March and interested students are encouraged to apply promptly and plan on applying to at least 6-8 internships, as these internships are highly competitive and limited. Students apply directly to the organization offering the internship, not the Arts Commission. Internships begin early June. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of college before their start date and be currently enrolled in (or have just graduated from) a community college of four-year university. Applicants must be a resident of and/or attending school in Los Angeles County. Positions are for 10 weeks and pay \$420 a week.

[LACMA ANDREW W. MELLON UNDERGRADUATE CURATORIAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM](#)

Contact: Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship Program
5905 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90036
fellowships@lacma.org 

Students must first apply to a Summer Academy, a one-week immersion program designed to provide a rich experience in the museum environment and expose participants to career options related to art and art history. After completing the Summer Academy, participants submit supplemental materials for consideration for a fellowship. The program is intended specifically for undergraduate students from historically underrepresented groups in the curatorial field and is geared towards students who are interested in eventually continuing their education through graduate work.

[NORTON SIMON MUSEUM](#) (Education)

Contact: info@nortonsimon.org 
411 W. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91105

Students will be expected to assist with educational programming including Thursday Summer Fun and Family Programming; development of art activities for existing and future education programs; research for curriculum related projects; development of project related to applicant's area of expertise; day-to-day departmental operations; collections-based research as related to departmental needs. This internship is a 10 week paid summer internship beginning in June and ending in September. Interns will be expected to work approximately 30 hours per week. This internship is open to college seniors and recent graduates.