Kluge-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection – Mellon Museum Internship Program

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 internship application

KLUGE-RUHE ABORIGINAL ART COLLECTION of the University of Virginia seeks highly motivated UVA undergraduate students to serve as interns for academic year 2020-21. Kluge-Ruhe is the only museum in the United States dedicated solely to the exhibition and study of Indigenous Australian art. Its mission is to advance knowledge and understanding of Australia's Indigenous people and their art and culture worldwide.

EDUCATION INTERNSHIP Kluge-Ruhe is looking for an intern to work directly with the Manager of Education and Programs and the Education Coordinator on Aboriginal art resources for K-12 teachers. The intern may also be involved in other aspects of museum education, such as planning and delivering programs to various audiences and age groups, marketing programs on social media and web platforms and assisting with exhibitions as needed. Strong writing skills, a deep interest in museum education, and experience teaching children are required for this position; knowledge of K-12 curricula and experience developing lesson plans are preferred. Qualified applicants are those seeking careers in the education or museum education sector.

COLLECTIONS INTERNSHIP The Collections department is seeking 1-2 undergraduate student interns, preferably in the field of anthropology, art history, global development studies, or studio art. Collections interns will receive hands-on training in the digitization, documentation, and research of museum collections. The intern will work directly with the Collection Manager to ensure the proper documentation and registration of objects in the Kluge-Ruhe Collection, providing physical and virtual access to students and researchers. Research and writing skills are required for this position; digital photography and experience using Adobe Photoshop preferred.

CURATORIAL INTERNSHIP Kluge-Ruhe is seeking 1-2 undergraduate curatorial interns. The selected applicant(s) will work closely with Henry Skerritt, Curator of Indigenous Art of Australia, on a range of tasks including the research and selection of objects for exhibition onsite at Kluge-Ruhe and elsewhere on UVA grounds. Students with backgrounds in anthropology, art history, global development studies, or studio art are best qualified for this position. Excellent research and writing skills are required.

HOURS AND COMPENSATION Academic year internships require approximately 150 hours each semester, for a total of 300 hours over the course of the academic year (roughly 10 hours/week). The internships include a stipend of $3500, disbursed in two installments of $1750 at the beginning of each semester.

ELIGIBILITY Applications are open to rising 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year UVA students from all fields of study with a demonstrated interest in Indigenous Arts/Studies. Students enrolled in the University Museums Internship course are ineligible. ****Note, Kluge-Ruhe is located off grounds at 400 Worrell Drive in Pantops, and interns are responsible for their own transportation.*

HOW TO APPLY Complete and submit the form below along with a statement of interest, résumé/cv, and your unofficial transcript to Catherine Walden, cew9f@virginia.edu. Please be sure to note which type of internship you would prefer (you may choose more than one).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT

Full Name _____ Email _____

Major Discipline(s) _____ Graduation Year _____

GENDER

☐ Female
☐ Male
☐ Non-Binary

RACE/ETHNICITY Please select all that apply

☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Black or African American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ Asian
☐ White

INTERNSHIP SELECTION Please indicate which type(s) of internship you would prefer (you may check more than one)

☐ Education Internship ☐ Collections Internship ☐ Curatorial Internship

REFERENCES

REFERENCE NO. 1

Full Name _____ Title_____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

REFERENCE NO. 2

Full Name _____ Title _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please submit the following documents along with your application:

☐ CURRENT RÉSUMÉ/CV
☐ UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT
☐ STATEMENT OF INTEREST – up to 500 words explaining:

- What do you hope to achieve by participating in a museum internship at Kluge-Ruhe? How do you think it will benefit you personally and professionally? How does it relate to your career goals?
- Tell us about your interest or involvement with Australian Aboriginal Art or Indigenous Arts, such as previous coursework, research, activities with cultural organizations, or personal interest.