



Environmental Art Internship

Start Date: TBD Fall 2020

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education, an urban environmental education center in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia, seeks an intern to support the Environmental Art Department's exhibition program.

About the Schuylkill Center:

The Schuylkill Center, the first environmental education center in a large American city, was founded in 1965. With diverse educational programming offered to all ages, preschool through graduate school and beyond, 36,000 people participate in the Center's programming annually. In addition, the center offers the nation's most ambitious environmental art program housed in a nature center and opened the state's first Nature Preschool in September 2013.

The Environmental Art Department at the Schuylkill Center provides opportunities to investigate, innovate, and interpret the nature of place. We incite curiosity and spark awareness of the natural environment, through presentations of outdoor and indoor art exhibitions that attract, educate, and inspire. Working collaboratively, we support artistic investigations of our environments and create spaces and opportunities for artists and audiences to creatively engage in ecological issues. Created in 2000, we are the only program and venue devoted entirely to environmental art in the Philadelphia region. Visit <http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/departments/art/> and www.schuylkillcenter.org/art for more information.

Internship Description:

The intern will spend their time in the Environmental Art department, offering a range of exposure and experience to a motivated and engaged person. The intern will gain a keen education in visual arts administration, the field of environmental art, and the power of art to connect people with nature and educate on environmental topics. The intern will work closely with staff in the environmental art department on projects related to our ongoing exhibition program and innovative LandLab residency program. This is an excellent position to gain foundational office and research skills within a dynamic, unique, and successful non-profit organization.

Due to COVID-19, Schuylkill Center staff are conducting most work remotely, with limited on-site activity when needed and with safety protocols in place. Please contact us with questions about the Center's COVID-19 precautions and policies.

Internship responsibilities will include assisting with:

- Exhibition preparation and maintenance in the gallery and on our trails;
- Development and management of social media content (Facebook and Instagram) and other digital communications (WordPress-based blog, MailChimp, etc.);
- Development of design materials, such as signage, postcards, exhibition catalogs, etc.;
- Exhibition, program, and event planning and research, including investigation of possible themes, artists, topics, audiences, and partnering organizations for future exhibitions and connections to other Schuylkill Center education programs;
- Written and spoken communication with outside organizations and businesses to support strategic partnerships across environmental and arts organizations in Philadelphia.

In addition to day-to-day operations, the intern is invited to participate in and assist with events, many scheduled on evenings and weekends.

The internship runs from approximately September to December 2020, with some flexibility on start and end dates. Opportunity to continue into Winter and Spring 2021 is available with mutual interest from the intern and the Schuylkill Center. The internship is part-time (16-30 hours per week), and it is tailored to the intern's schedule. A \$100/month stipend is offered.

Both students and graduates are encouraged to apply. We are happy to support interns receiving course credit for their work at the Schuylkill Center, within the requirements of the intern's enrolled university.

Requirements:

A big-picture, creative, and integrative mindset and an ability to work on diverse tasks are critical to this internship. Excellent written and verbal communication skills are essential; an interest in exhibition programming, environmental art, environmental science, and/or environmental education and an innovative, problem-solving mindset are preferred. Knowledge of the Adobe Creative Suite a plus.

Applicants must be reliable with a positive attitude, collaborative spirit, and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Limited weekend and evening availability is preferred but not required. Please note that the Schuylkill Center is not easily accessed via public transportation from many areas.

Application Procedure:

Please send a cover letter, a current resume, and two references with email addresses and phone numbers. Please email these materials to Liz Jelsomine, Exhibitions Coordinator, (liz@schuylkillcenter.org) and include "2020 Fall Internship" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted through August 24.