



## **Environmental Art Internship**

**Start Date: Spring 2021 (approx. March to June)**

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 art program. As one of the first Art Programs in a nature center setting, the Environmental Art Program seeks to spark curiosity about the natural world and human relationship with their environment.

The intern will spend their time in the Environmental Art department, being exposed to and offered a range of experiences in the realm of art and nature. The intern will gain a keen understanding in arts administration, the field of environmental art, and the power of art to connect people with nature while educating about environmental topics. The intern will work closely with staff in the environmental art department on upcoming projects related to our ongoing exhibition and event program in our gallery, on our trails and virtually. This is an excellent position to gain foundational art administration and programming skills, as well as insights into a dynamic, unique, and successful non-profit organization.

### **Internship Description:**

The internship runs from approximately March to June 2021, with some flexibility on start and end dates. The opportunity to continue into summer 2021 is available with mutual interest from the intern and the Schuylkill Center. The internship is part-time (16-20 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.

*Please note that due to COVID-19, Schuylkill Center staff is currently conducting work both remotely and limited hours on-site with safety protocols in place.*

### **Internship responsibilities will include assisting with:**

- Assist with day-to-day operations in exhibition preparation and maintenance in the gallery and on our trails;
- Exhibition 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;
- Participate in and assist with events (both virtually and socially-distanced outside), many scheduled on evenings and weekends;

- Development of promotional materials, such as design signage, postcards, etc.;
- Writing and management of social media content (Facebook and Instagram) and other digital communications (WordPress-based blog, MailChimp, etc.);
- Written and spoken communication with outside organizations and businesses to support strategic partnerships across environmental and arts organizations in Philadelphia.

**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; your personal vehicle is preferred.

**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](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/art) for more information.

**Application Procedure:**

Please send a cover letter, a current resume, and one reference with email address and phone number. Please email these materials to Liz Jelsomine, Exhibitions Coordinator, [liz@schuylkillcenter.org](mailto:liz@schuylkillcenter.org) and include "2021 Spring Internship" in the subject line. Applications will be accepted through February 22, 2021.