



## INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Position Title: Featured Exhibit Intern Position  
Reports To: Featured Hall Assistant Manager

Department: Museum Education  
Location of Workspace: Featured Hall

### POSITION SUMMARY:

Museum Education interns are in the halls and labs of OMSI where they facilitate hands-on science experiences. Interns inspire museum guests to make amazing connections with science through activities, demonstrations, and informal interactions. Interns assist Museum Education staff in the regular presentation and development of the museum halls and labs.

The Featured Exhibit Hall displays touring exhibits on loan to OMSI for short engagements. These short-term exhibits introduce visitors to a wide range of topics, from music to mummies! The Featured Exhibit Intern position has three main roles: (1) facilitate visitor learning experiences with informal interactions, demonstrations, and activities, (2) assist and work alongside volunteers in the exhibit and (3) provide customer service. At the supervisor's discretion, some of the intern's time may also be spent on special projects.

Below is a description of internship responsibilities for the upcoming exhibit, *The Science Behind Pixar*, on view February 23 – September 2, 2019.

### EXPERIENCES THE INTERNSHIP WILL PROVIDE:

- Facilitating hands-on activities and interactions with a diverse public
- Working in a collaborative environment with paid and unpaid staff of a variety of ages, experiences, and backgrounds
- Gaining confidence in public speaking and communication with a diverse public
- Completion of project work related to current or upcoming Featured Exhibits

### KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

*What we are looking for:*

- Strong communication, customer service, and problem-solving skills
- Self-direction and willingness to take initiative
- Ability to present science process and content in an engaging way to a diverse public
- Professional personal appearance
- Must be dependable, punctual, and willing to commit to a schedule
- Excitement about Pixar and animation

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- General informal science education philosophies and pedagogy
- Facilitation best practices, including how to facilitate intergenerational communication, frame questions, gauge and respond to guests' social and educational goals, and cultivate learner-driven investigations
- Culturally responsive facilitation strategies
- Museum safety and emergency response
- *Pixar* specific staff training

### **SCHEDULE:**

Schedule depends on the needs of the hall, but will be regular and predictable  
Minimum of 8 hours per week for approximately 12 weeks  
Our preference is for both weekend and weekday availability

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- Confidence speaking and interacting with a diverse public
- Knowledge of museum processes and procedures
- Recognizing and promoting science process skills
- Fostering learner-driven investigations
- Supporting culturally responsive facilitation techniques
- Identifying benefits and disadvantages of using different types of teaching tools
- Negotiating facilitator and visitor goals for optimal museum experience
- Cultivating reflective facilitation practices

### **PHOTOS OF THE WORK AREA:**

Please see *The Science Behind Pixar* website to view photos of the exhibit at previous museums:

<http://sciencebehindpixar.org/>

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

To apply and submit your [online application](#), along with a resume and cover letter. As part of the hiring process you may be invited to interview. If hired you will need to complete a background check.

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