



**Position Title:** The Mezz Digital Media Project Mentor

**Department:** Museum Engagement

**Reports To:** The Mezz Coordinator **Location:** OMSI Museum - Water Ave

### **Position Summary:**

The Mezz is a free dynamic, hands-on maker space designed for youth ages 13–18 to explore creative technology, express themselves, and build real-world skills. From music production and digital art to coding, crafting, and 3D design — it's a space where imagination meets innovation.

As a The Mezz Digital Media Project Mentor, you'll support youth as they dive into self-directed projects using tools like video editing software, graphic design platforms, music production gear, and more. This is a unique opportunity to empower young creators, encourage exploration, and help teens build confidence in a welcoming, inclusive, STEAM rich environment. This position is ideal for creative individuals who enjoy working with teens, are comfortable with digital tools, and want to make a meaningful impact through mentorship and project-based learning.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Encourage Exploration & Creativity: Support teens as they explore, collaborate, innovate, and create personal digital media projects using tools like video editing, music production, graphic design, 3-D printing, and more
- Mentor Through Co-Learning: Guide youth by asking open-ended questions, co-investigating ideas, and using facilitation techniques that promote curiosity and self-directed learning—rather than lecture-style instruction
- Support Project Development: Provide guidance and encouragement during the inspiration, planning, and creation phases of youth-led digital media projects
- Support Skill Development: Provide guidance and encouragement during

structured workshops and unstructured drop-in period

- Maintain a Positive Environment: Help ensure the The Mezz remains a safe, inclusive, and welcoming space for all participants; assist with class and program activities
- Uphold The Mezz Mission: Work alongside OMSI educators and fellow mentors to support daily activities and Care for the Space: Assist in maintaining the integrity, cleanliness, and functionality of the The Mezz's equipment and creative workspaces

### **Knowledge and Skills:**

- Comfortable with engaging with 13-18 year olds in a positive, consistent manner
- Experience with tools such as video editing software, graphic design platforms, music production equipment, or 3D modeling programs
- Ability to guide youth through open-ended projects by asking questions, encouraging experimentation, and supporting self-directed learning
- Comfortable jumping into different types of projects and adjusting to the needs and interests of the teens
- Ability to work well with OMSI staff and other volunteers to maintain a positive and productive learning space
- Committed to equity, inclusion, and culturally responsive engagement with an emphasis on creating a welcoming space for youth with diverse backgrounds
- Commitment to safety and willing to uphold OMSI rules and procedures
- Reliable and able to maintain a consistent volunteer schedule

### **Preferred Knowledge and Skills:**

- Experience with creative technologies, including: Adobe Creative Suite, Pro Tools, Ableton, AutoCAD, Scratch, etc.
- Experience with arts/crafts including: sewing, embroidery, knitting, drawing, painting, etc.
- Background in education, youth work, or mentoring

### **Schedule and Support:**

- Typical Schedule: The Mezz is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sundays 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

- Minimum hours: 8 hours a month. 4 hours every/other week
- Attend the following trainings or classes provided by OMSI:
  - Volunteer Orientation
  - Safety Training
  - Mandatory Reporter Training
  - Recognizing & Preventing Harassment Training
    - Position-specific training with The Mezz Coordinator
- Supervisor will provide ongoing training on The Mezz equipment and software during the shifts.

### **Volunteer Benefits:**

- Training and a lifelong learning experience
- Admission for the volunteer to the museum, theater and planetarium shows, and submarine tours
- An OMSI Family Membership upon completion of 50 hours of volunteer service
- Discounts in the OMSI Science Store and on-site restaurants
- The opportunity to meet many new people and learn more about OMSI