

Special Project Internship Program

What is a Special Project internship?

Special Project internships are the Blanton's most flexible internship type. They are unpaid internships, open to anyone, offered in all departments, and are available year-round. These internships occasionally open up based on departmental needs and resources available. Occasionally members of the Blanton staff will initiate a special project internship, but sometimes they may be initiated by the applicant.

Staff-Initiated Special Projects:

The selection of an intern for a staff-initiated Special Project internship works in much the same manner as any other job selection process. When a department supervisor has a particular project he or she would like some help with, email postings are sent out to appropriate UT listserves to solicit applicants. Special project applications already on file are consulted for qualified candidates as well. The department supervisor then interviews and chooses a candidate best for the position, and negotiates hours and other project parameters directly with the intern.

Applicant-Initiated Special Projects:

Applicant-initiated Special Project internships are unique in that they offer the applicant the opportunity to custom create a position for themselves based on their personal needs and the needs of the museum. Persons that are particularly determined to work at the Blanton who would like to increase the likelihood of acquiring an internship are highly encouraged to submit a project proposal in addition to their application.

To be considered, please state:

- Why you are interested in the Blanton.
- Particular topic to be researched or goal to be accomplished.
- Specific reasons for investigating this topic/project.
- Reasons why this would benefit the Blanton as well as how it would help you meet your academic and professional goals.

Once the project proposal is submitted, the University Programs Coordinator will make it available to the appropriate staff person for consideration. If your qualifications fit and the staff supervisor feels that the project is one that will benefit the museum, he or she will work with you to create the internship, negotiate hours, and other parameters.

Requirements:

- A minimum total time commitment of 140 hours over the entire project.
- All interns must submit a summary of their project in a portfolio or essay form upon completion of their assignment.

How to apply:

- SUBMIT BY MAIL ONLY a resume and cover letter (and proposal if applicable) to Suzanne Moore, Blanton Museum of Art, 1 University Station D1303, Austin, TX 78712.