MISSISSIPPI MUSEUM OF ART

POSITION: Teaching Fellow

STIPEND: Up to $4,000 (as earned through fulfilling hourly time commitments)

REPORTS TO: James and Madeline McMullan Director of In-Gallery Experiences and Youth Programs

STATUS: Part-time fellowship, one academic year commitment, with potential to extend into fall 2027

JOB SUMMARY

The Museum is seeking ten undergraduate or graduate students to be a part of its **2026-2027 Teaching Fellows Program**. The Teaching Fellows program is a paid student-guide initiative intended to bring together college students from five colleges and universities in the metro Jackson area **(Jackson State University, Tougaloo College, Millsaps College, Belhaven University and Mississippi College)** to engage with the Museum's collection and to teach K-12 students who visit the Museum annually. Fellows will undergo training during the Fall 2026 semester led by museum educators, curators, and local academics. After the completion of training, Fellows will teach K-12 audiences in the Museum galleries during the Spring 2027 semester. This position is ideal for a person with an interest in museums, history, child development, or education, and it offers both course-credit through independent study and up to $4,000 throughout the fellowship (as earned through fulfilling hourly time commitments).

THE COMMITMENT

- 3 hours per week for 12 weeks during Fall 2026 (mandatory class session attendance on Mondays, 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM)
- 8 hours per week, onsite during Spring 2027 (during the Museum's public touring hours)

Work times will accommodate the students' schedule, except for mandatory Monday evenings in Fall 2026. Applicants must commit to both semesters and identify a faculty sponsor to serve as a final tour evaluator and an advisor, if needed. **We will work with institutions on an individual basis to provide course credit if desired.**

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Conduct research on the Museum's collection and visiting exhibitions
- Create research-based tours
- Facilitate close-looking conversations
- Create, lead, or assist with studio activities
- Collaborate with the Museum's Education team to execute public programming

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

- Students with a current enrollment status (either as Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate student) at Belhaven University, Jackson State University, Millsaps College, Mississippi College, or Tougaloo College
- Interest in K-12 teaching, museums, history, child development, and/or visual art

- Strong written and verbal skills
- Experience and comfort with public speaking to large groups
- Detail-oriented, prompt, professional, and reliable
- Experience working with children
- Strong academic record
- Availability on Mondays in the Fall from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- Availability for 1-2 onsite shifts during Tuesday through Friday in the Spring

TO APPLY

EXTENDED DEADLINE: To be considered for the Teaching Fellows program, please submit the following application materials to mbarnes@msmuseumart.org by **August 21, 2026**.

1. Statement of Interest (500-word maximum)

2. Current Resume

3. Official or Unofficial Academic Transcript(s)

4. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation (300-word max)

**One faculty of your recommenders must note that they will be your faculty sponsor/advisor independent study advisor, if you are accepted into the program. This advisor may be consulted throughout the course and will be asked to participate in your final evaluation tour in December 2026.*

Incomplete applications will not be sent to the search committee. Applicants selected for interviews will be notified via email.

***If any of these requests present a barrier for applying for this position, or if you have any additional questions, please contact Merry Barnes at mbarnes@msmuseumart.org.*