

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The student Gallery Guide program at the Yale University Art Gallery is an opportunity for Yale undergraduates to lead thematic tours of the museum for the Yale community and the New Haven public. Students participate in a yearlong training program with museum staff, curators, and faculty members. The training sessions include explorations of the Gallery's collection, discussions on the methodology of museum tours, and behind-the-scenes visits to the Gallery's conservation studio, special exhibitions, and art openings, as well as field trips to other museums and art centers such as DIA Beacon, MASS MoCA, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The in-depth training requires a time commitment similar to that of an academic course. Following the completion of the training program, students remain involved with the Gallery Guide program by giving museum tours and participating in meetings throughout the semester.

This is an excellent opportunity for undergraduates to integrate art into their experience at Yale and to become part of the Yale University Art Gallery community. The program is open to freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in Yale College. Students in *all majors* are encouraged to apply.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants must have a strong interest in art, museums, education, and art history.
- Attendance is mandatory and essential to the success of the program.
Fall Semester: Thursdays, 4:00–5:30 PM, and Fridays, 3:30–5:00 PM, with several Saturday excursions
Spring Semester: Thursdays, 4:00–5:30 PM, with several Saturday excursions
- Applicants must commit to leading thematic tours of the Gallery during the spring semester and throughout their time at Yale, as well as to participating in special Gallery events and programs.

HOW TO APPLY

Please answer the questions below and e-mail your completed application (not to exceed 4 pages, single-spaced) with the subject "Gallery Guide Application 2011–12" to elizabeth.manekin@yale.edu by **September 5, 5:00 PM**. After all applications have been reviewed, you will be notified via e-mail of a possible interview.

Please include:

Name

Major

College and Class

P.O. Box or Mailing Address

Phone

E-mail

- 1. Describe the nature of your interest in the Gallery Guide program.**
- 2. Describe your favorite museum experience.**
- 3. What qualities or traits do you think a successful museum tour guide should possess?**
- 4. Are you involved in any on- or off-campus activities? If so, what are they?**
- 5. How did you first hear about the Gallery Guide program?**

For more information, please contact Elizabeth Manekin at elizabeth.manekin@yale.edu or 203.436.1559.

Visit the Gallery's annual Open House and learn more about the Gallery Guide program on September 1, 2011, 5:00–8:00 PM.