



Nature-based Art Instruction & Tour Intern

Organizational Summary:

Located in a stunning urban oasis in Eagan, Minnesota, Caponi Art Park is a distinctive nonprofit community space. Caponi Art Park offers cultural and educational experiences in an inviting, natural setting. Our mission is to restore and nurture the human spirit through art, nature, and community. Our tours and workshops use nature as a tool to teach art and art history to all ages. It is our goal for students to gain a new appreciation for art and nature as well as a better understanding of art terms and techniques.

Internship Summary:

This 3-5 month internship is ideal for an individual aspiring to teach art, gain experience in nonprofits, and for those who have a strong connection to nature. Interns will work throughout Caponi Art Park's 60-acres, conducting guided tours for visitors from age 4 to 94. Interns will conduct outdoor nature-based art workshops in conjunction with most tours. Interns will also work directly with Caponi Art Park staff to develop skills in using art and nature as a way to communicate and explore the natural world. The goal of Caponi Art Park's tour and workshop programs is to have visitors walk away with a new appreciation for art and nature.

As part of our Caponi on the Road (COTR) program, interns will be required to travel to various locations around the Twin Cities metro area to conduct art workshops. For COTR programs, interns will be required to provide their own transportation and will be compensated for gas mileage and travel time on the way to the site. Caponi Art Park has implemented COVID-19 safety protocols for all staff and organizations participating in our art workshops.

In addition, the internship includes assisting with a minimum of 6 events hosted by the art park over the course of the summer. These events are usually held on Saturdays or Sundays.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct tours and adapt them to meet the specific needs of each tour group
- Instruct hands-on nature-based art workshops
- Monitor and maintain workshop supply inventory as needed
- Evaluate and adapt art workshops as needed
- Assist with event implementation on some weekends

Experience and Qualifications:

Required

- Must be 19 years of age
- A demonstrated history of successful work or volunteer experience combined with a passion for the arts, nature, and community
- Strict adherence to commitments made, being on time, being honest, and being communicative; a marked integrity in all aspects of worklife
- Ability to relate to and interact positively with people of all ages and backgrounds
- Ability to maintain physical and verbal composure in stressful situations while interacting with visitors, both adults and children

- Must have a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and be willing to travel regularly to Caponi on the Road class sites around the metro area
- Be comfortable working outdoors and able to walk up to 2 miles leading tours
- Be comfortable with all age groups and abilities, especially children ages 3 – 12
- Be able to manage and direct large groups of all ages, up to 25 for an individual tour

Preferred

- Bachelor's degree (In progress or completed) in an artistic field, nonprofit management, environmental science or biology, or really anything that can be related to this position with a strong rhetorical statement
- Have great public speaking skills
- Personal engagement with an artistic practice of any kind
- Animal friendly (must be animal tolerant at a minimum)

Details:

Start date: Tuesday, May 19, 2023 (or TBD upon offer; training may start in late April if possible)

Duration: May through August* with potential for extension into the fall

Hours: Approximately 10 hours per week; up to 15 hrs with weekend events

Type: Paid Internship, \$14.00 per hour

*We understand that many applicants may have school commitments. We will allow flexibility on start and end dates depending on individual needs.

How to apply:

Email the following materials to erin@caaponiartpark.org:

- A personal statement of no more than 350 words responding to the following prompts:
 - Introduce yourself!
 - Why do you want this internship?
 - Why would you be a good fit for this internship?
 - How do you interact with nature and/or incorporate art-making into your own life?
- A one-page resume
- Contact information for one professional character reference

Timeline:

- Applications will be accepted until March 31
- Interviews and offers will take place in April

Visit caaponiartpark.org to learn more before applying. Visit Email erin@caaponiartpark.org or call 651-454-9412 with questions.