

The Art Museum Curatorial Residency Award 2026

Application Deadline: Friday, April 20, 2026

The Art Museum currently accepts applications from eligible students for the Art Museum Curatorial Residency Award. In 2026, the up to 12-week, full time residency comes with a financial award in the form of a stipend of \$3,500/month. The starting date of the residency is flexible, though ideally begins May 4, 2026.

Under the supervision of the Art Museum's curatorial staff, the successful candidate will engage in research and program development for several upcoming exhibitions for our public programming season (for more details see [Art Museum](#)). They will be undertaking a major research project centered on the history of University of Toronto student activism, that is, the way in which students have engaged individually or collectively toward social change within the life of the university, the city, and beyond.

In addition, the Curatorial Resident will be developing public programs and educational initiatives centered on the Art Museum's current and upcoming exhibitions. The resident will be giving tours of exhibitions; developing workshops for students and publics centered on the themes of current exhibitions; and working with guest curators to support planning and event coordination.

The residency is made possible by the Art Museum at the University of Toronto Award, which was established with gifts from three founding members of the University of Toronto Art Centre Volunteer Committee, Margaret McKelvey, Joy Alexander and Judith McEvel with matching funds from the University of Toronto Adjustment Fund and the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund (OSOTF), and the Art Museum OSOTFF II Award established by the W. Garfield Weston Foundation with matching funds from OSOTF.

Project Tasks and Goals

The Curatorial Residency includes but is not limited to the following tasks:

- Detailed archival and literature research for a research project and exhibitions of contemporary art
- Sourcing photographs, including copyrights, digital files, and other elements related to the identity of each object (sizes, materials), and reproduction permission

- Developing summaries of research findings and subject area of exhibitions
- Coordinating event set up and communications for public programs
- Offering public, guided tours

Eligibility Criteria:

- University of Toronto student (undergraduate or graduate) registered in full (part) time studies at UofT; preference to students who have some affiliation with University College
- OSAP eligible
- Ontario Resident
- Demonstrated engagement / background in one or several of the following: History, visual arts, curatorial studies, arts management, communications in the arts and culture sector, art history, or museum studies at the University of Toronto

Applications:

- CV
- Transcript
- Statement of Interest (150 words)
- Description of current/past relevant experience and how the residency might further career interests and goals

For more information, contact: artmuseum@utoronto.ca.