

Graham Foundation

Program Intern (*Internship, part-time*)

Founded in 1956, the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts makes project-based grants to individuals and organizations and produces public programs to foster the development and exchange of diverse and challenging ideas about architecture and its role in the arts, culture, and society.

The Graham Foundation produces three major exhibitions per year and a host of public programs including lectures, performances, panel discussions, and receptions that engage contemporary work and issues in architecture. It is the largest private funder in the field of architecture in the country, making grants nationally and internationally to individuals and organizations. Support is project based and extends to books, exhibitions, installations, exhibition catalogs, films/videos/new media projects, as well as individual research projects.

Since 1963, the Graham Foundation has been located in the Madlener House, a 9,000-square-foot turn-of-the-century Prairie-style mansion located in the historic Gold Coast neighborhood of Chicago. The Graham is also home to Chicago's only architectural bookshop offering a selection of publications from an international roster of publishers, as well as an extensive collection of local and international periodicals on architecture, urbanism, art, and related fields.

The Graham Foundation is currently seeking students or recent graduates of architecture, art, art education, history, design, and related programs interested in gaining professional experience through active participation in tasks related to the foundation's exhibitions, public programs, and grantmaking.

Key responsibilities include:

- Providing the first point of contact for visitors during gallery hours ensuring that gallery visitors are always greeted with an informative and warm welcome and that any questions they have about the Graham Foundation's exhibitions, public programs, grantmaking, history, landmark historic building, and identity are answered during the course of their visit.
- Assisting with daily operations of the Graham Foundation Bookshop.
- Administrative tasks including answering phones, taking messages, and sorting and distributing mail.
- Staffing regular evening events.
- Contributing to ongoing public programs and grantmaking history initiatives, helping to develop the public programs and grantmaking digital and physical archives.

The Program Intern will be organized, responsible, and detail oriented. She or he will ideally possess:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Interest in learning about and promoting the Graham Foundation's programs and history.
- Knowledge of or interest in architecture or art history, theory, and practice.

As a landmark historic building, the Madlener House has limited accessibility. The intern must be able to climb three to four flights of stairs.

Start date: Immediately

Work schedule: Flexible. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Saturday.

Interns work 2 days per week 10:00am – 6:00pm, and regular evening events.

Compensation: Unpaid for 3 months, with possibility of developing into a paid position

Please send a resume and cover letter to Ava Barrett at abarrett@grahamfoundation.org. Candidates for interviews will be contacted by email.

The Graham Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer interested in continuing the growth and diversity of its staff.