

# WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART

## Museum Associates Program

For nearly twenty five years, the Williams College Museum of Art's volunteer Museum Associates program has provided opportunities for Williams College students to broaden their knowledge of art and art history, learn about museum education, and develop valuable public speaking and teaching skills.

Museum Associates (MAs) are an important part of the museum and play a critical role in our education programs. In addition to leading visitors on tours of the museum's special exhibitions and permanent collection, Museum Associates also help teach our programs for children and families. As a Museum Associate, you'll gain inside access to a lively museum with an exciting exhibition schedule and have the opportunity to work with museum staff, discuss exhibitions with curators, and learn about contemporary art from visiting artists. For students who are interested in art, teaching, and museums, this experience is invaluable. Museum Associates have gone on to outstanding internships at museums and teaching positions around the world.

Although many Museum Associates are art majors, this is not a requirement. What is most important is your desire to communicate your enthusiasm and knowledge of art to others. You should also be interested in working with a range of audiences, especially children. WCMA offers education programs for preschoolers; elementary, middle, and high school students; college students; families; and adults. See [www.wcma.org](http://www.wcma.org) for information on our education programs.

Museum Associates must make a time commitment of four hours per week. All Museum Associates are required to attend a ninety-minute training session each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30. This training session helps prepare Museum Associates to give tours through meetings with curators, presentations by guest artists, and field trips to area museums. Museum Associates also spend two and a half hours per week during a time slot in the morning or afternoon preparing and giving tours. Time slots are determined after students sign up for classes so there are no academic conflicts. Museum Associates often participate in a special weekend event, such as a family day or public program.

If you're interested in becoming a Museum Associate, please fill out an application and return it to the receptionist at the Williams College Museum of Art or by email to Coordinator of Education Programs Joann Harnden ([Joann.Harnden@williams.edu](mailto:Joann.Harnden@williams.edu)). Contact Joann by email or phone (597-2038) to set up an interview.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We hope you'll join us at WCMA!