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MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE INTERNSHIPS

The Museum of Tolerance (MOT) is the educational arm of the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC), an international human rights organization dedicated to remembering the Holocaust and promoting tolerance and respect for human dignity.

The Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles challenges visitors to confront bigotry and racism and to understand the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts through cutting-edge interactive exhibits housed in a stunning multimedia environment. Since opening in 1993, the Museum has hosted over 5 million visitors. More than 1.5 million children and youth have participated in the Museum experience and its programs and over 200,000 adults have been trained in the Museum's customized Tools for Tolerance® professional development programs.

INTERNSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION:

Museum of Tolerance (MOT) Interns commit to 10-15 hours per week, learning about the Museum, its mission, methodology and exhibits. Internships are supervised by Elana Samuels, Director for Museum Volunteer Services, 310.772.2510, esamuels@museumoftolerance.com, 9786 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. 90035

Internships are unpaid and may qualify for college credit. If no credit is desired, positions are available as Special Museum Projects Volunteers.

Internships are awarded in the fall, winter, spring and summer semesters and are open to college juniors, seniors, post-graduate and graduate students.

Interns may choose the focus area(s) for their Internship: Museum Education; Youth Action Lab; Research and Evaluation; Library and Archives.

Museum Education: Greet and assist visitors at Museum exhibits, with special exhibitions and conduct group tours throughout the Museum. Interns should feel comfortable interacting with children and adults and speaking in front of large groups.

Youth Action Lab: Assist with planning and implementing creative Family Sunday Programs. Research outreach strategies for the Museum; develop database. Some Sundays will be required. College courses and/or work experience in art education, museum studies, or child development is preferred.

Research and Evaluation: Help develop research materials for data collection and conduct visitor surveys. Analyze this data with assistance from museum staff. College courses and/or work experience in psychology, statistics and research is preferred

Library and Archives: Assist with archival processing and historical research; help with general library operations. College courses and/or work experience with libraries and computer skills is preferred.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Intern will participate in Museum Orientation Training, including lectures on Holocaust history and social justice issues.
- Intern will successfully complete the Independent Museum Training Manual and Journal.
- Intern will be certified to greet public visitors at the MOT as an Exhibit Assistant.
- Intern will assist with educational programs for youth groups, as needed.
- Intern will assist with archival processing and historical research in the Library and Archives.
- Intern will assist with special programs and exhibitions, including Family Sunday programs.
- Interns are invited to listen to testimonies of Holocaust survivors and attend museum lectures and other special programs.
- Interns may initiate a research project of their choosing, connected to the mission of the Museum of Tolerance.