

Job Title

Art Bridges Fellow

Employment Status

Full Time

Employment Category

Exempt

Department

Collections

Reporting Responsibility

Associate Registrar

Position Summary

Joslyn Art Museum seeks applicants for a three-year fellowship position supporting the Art Bridges Collection Loan Program. This position offers a motivated individual the opportunity to gain collections management and registration experience in an art museum, including art handling, condition reporting, packing, shipping, logistics, installation, research, cataloguing, and data entry. The Art Bridges Fellow will join Joslyn Art Museum at a time of change and growth, as an ambitious expansion and renovation of the Museum's campus occasions a complete deinstallation and reinstallation of the permanent collection.

The Art Bridges Fellow at Joslyn Art Museum will be part of the inaugural cohort of the Art Bridges Fellows Program. The [Art Bridges Fellows Program](#) is dedicated to creating diverse museum leadership with a national cohort of emerging arts professionals and mentors. Through its newly-formed Art Bridges Fellows Program, the foundation will establish deep career pathways for people with a diversity of backgrounds and experiences and offer new models for fellowship roles within museums.

Major Duties

- Assist with all aspects of loan preparation and travel for the Art Bridges Collection Loan Program, including condition reports, photography, shipping logistics, and object placement
- Conduct object and artist research for new interpretive materials and Art Bridges Learning & Engagement initiatives for the borrowing institutions in the Collection Loan Program
- Support Joslyn Art Museum Collections and Curatorial staff with all aspects of deinstallation and reinstallation during a period of expansion and renovation, including art handling, packing, tracking, and reporting
- Assist with storage inventory, rehousing, and cataloguing initiatives, including updating data standards
- Complete a capstone project reflecting on the experience of the Art Bridges Collection Loan Program

- Attend two Art Bridges convenings in Bentonville, Arkansas each year, including a month-long residency and orientation in Year 1
- Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree in art history, history, museum studies, or related field, preferred; all levels of postsecondary education or equivalent experience will be considered
- Excellent organizational skills
- Exemplary oral and written communications skills
- Strong attention to detail and the ability to meet scheduled deadlines
- Proficiency with Microsoft Suite: Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, and other standard office skills, procedures, and equipment
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment as well as independently
- Ability to follow protocols in handling works of art with care
- Ability to lift 30–40 lbs
- Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion (DEAI) in the field

Preferred Qualifications

- Previous knowledge, interest, and/or experience in studio art or art history
- Previous experience with art handling in a museum or gallery environment
- Proficiency with database entry; knowledge of the standard museum collection management system, The Museum System (TMS)

Salary

Salary Range: \$40,000–42,000

Qualifications and experience will be considered in the compensation for this position.

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter and resume via email to careers@joslyn.org.

Joslyn Art Museum and Art Bridges are equal opportunity employers and are committed to building and maintaining a culturally diverse workplace that is free of discrimination and harassment of any kind. We encourage women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and veterans to apply. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, veteran status, or any other status protected by the laws or regulations in the locations where we operate. Joslyn Art Museum offers a competitive salary and generous benefits package. Relocation assistance will be provided.

About Joslyn Art Museum

Joslyn Art Museum is a major regional resource for the collection, preservation, and interpretation of the visual arts. Through its collections, exhibitions, and educational programs, Joslyn Art Museum seeks to foster appreciation and enjoyment of art for the benefit of a diverse regional and national audience.

About Art Bridges

Art Bridges is the vision of philanthropist and arts patron Alice Walton. The mission of Art Bridges is to expand access to American art in all regions across the United States. Since 2017, Art Bridges has been creating and supporting programs that bring outstanding works of American art out of storage and into communities. Art Bridges partners with a growing network of nearly 170 museums of all sizes and locations to provide financial and strategic support for exhibition development, loans from the Art Bridges collection, and programs designed to educate, inspire, and deepen engagement with local audiences. The Art Bridges Collection represents an expanding vision of American art from the 19th century to present day and encompasses multiple media and voices.

About the Art Bridges Collection Loan Program

In an effort to get works of art out of storage and to deliver on Art Bridges' mission of expanding access to American art around the nation, Art Bridges is developing a pilot program for a new way of circulating art from museums with deep collections to those with limited access to great works of American art.

This model represents a paradigm shift of how works of art are loaned by and to museums across the country. Traditional lending models are expensive and exclusive, and there is limited transparency surrounding how to borrow and what is available to borrow. Art Bridges is inspired to make borrowing more accessible to museums operating with smaller budgets and encourage the development of professional relationships through the borrowing and lending process.