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DAVIS MUSEUM AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Student Guide Program 2015-16



Who are we? Student Guides at the Davis are current Wellesley College students who are committed to sharing the Davis's rich permanent collection and special exhibitions with local K-12 students, adults, and the general public.

What do we do? Student Guides research, develop, and lead their own tours on special exhibitions and the permanent collection, using inquiry-based touring strategies to facilitate visitors' experiences with art. Student Guides also assist with other public programs at the Davis, such as Family Day and openings.

Why do we do it? Students join the Student Guide program because they are enthusiastic about sharing art and the Davis with others. Participation in the Student Guide program has many other benefits, including:

- Behind-the-scenes experiences with Davis Museum curators and staff
- Excellent preparation for arts, museum, and education careers
- Training in object-based and informal learning
- Fun and interesting way to meet fellow students passionate about the arts

How do we do it? Student Guides receive regular training on the collection, temporary exhibitions, museum education theory and touring strategies from Davis Museum curators and staff.

Trained Student Guides will lead tours, facilitate programs as needed, and attend on-going special exhibitions training.

Student Guides in the first year of the program will participate in both yearlong basic training and on-going special exhibitions training. At the end of the first semester, new Student Guides are required to research and present an object from the permanent collection to their peers. During the second semester, new Student Guides will shadow tours, and training will culminate in the presentation of a 45-minute long practice tour to peers and museum staff.

Student Guides are paid for training, tour preparation, leading tours, and facilitating programs according to the following pay scale:

First-year:	\$9.50/hr	Junior:	\$10.50/hr
Sophomore:	\$10.00/hr	Senior:	\$11.00/hr

Student Guides will be paid for 1.5 hours of preparation time per tour to include both research and practice in the galleries. Student Guides will also be paid 1.5 hours to lead a tour.

Interested students must apply to participate in the program through the Student Employment Office. Applications and interviews for selected applicants will begin in September. Please note that seniors and juniors studying abroad are not eligible to apply to the program, as students must complete a full year of training before leading tours.

When do we do it? New Student Guides participate in weekly training sessions during the academic year. Trained Student Guides participate in on-going training sessions bi-weekly during the academic year. All trainings take place on Friday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00pm.

Trained Student Guides sign up to lead tours based on their availability; however, they must complete at least two tours per semester to remain in the program (with the exception of those studying abroad who have already completed basic training).

Tours take place during Davis open hours: Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Student Guides may be contacted to give tours outside of that schedule on an as-needed basis.

Questions? Contact Liz Gardner, Public and Interpretive Programs Specialist at the Davis: egardner@wellesley.edu, T: 781.283.3045, or stop by Liz's office, located directly to the left upon entering the Davis lobby.