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New Internship Announcement

Museum of International Folk Art
Santa Fe, New Mexico

LAS FUND Internship

The International Folk Art Foundation and the Museum of International Folk Art (MOIFA) announce a new internship opportunity for a motivated female student working in Hispanic American material culture. Established as an on-going internship program in 2005 by Mr. Richard E. Ahlborn, Smithsonian Curator Emeritus, the **LAS FUND Internship** honors Dr. Yvonne Lange, Director Emerita of the Museum of International Folk Art, a colleague and friend of Mr. Ahlborn; Dorothy Ahlborn, his mother, and Eva Salazar, his wife.

The goal of the LAS Internship Program is to develop a group of museum professionals and scholars oriented towards Hispanic-American art and culture, and diversity issues as well as provide the LAS intern with an opportunity to participate in the intricacies of museum work at and support priorities at MOIFA.

The LAS Intern will be carefully chosen to match areas of interest with the appropriate and available staff resources and projects in MOIFA'S Contemporary Hispano and Latino collections. Topics will be announced on an annual basis from among the following themes: Nuevo Mexicano, Hispano, and Latino art, Mexican-US Border and immigrant culture, and related exhibition development, archival research, and educational programs. The 2007 intern will participate in initial planning and research for the reconfiguration and revisioning of the existing Hispanic Heritage Wing and Contemporary Changing Gallery. The intern will be assigned to a mentor who agrees to guide, plan, and schedule the intern's educational experience, providing supervision and evaluation. Additionally, the intern will be given a broad orientation to the larger museum setting based on on-going museum projects. At the end of the internship period the intern will be expected to write and submit brief internship report and give a public presentation on her research topic.

Qualifications: The internship is intended for a female student who is completing advanced undergraduate coursework, currently enrolled in graduate school, or who plans graduate work in art history, anthropology, American, Chicano/Latino, or Latin American studies, folklore, or museum studies. Ideal candidates will be able to demonstrate evidence of commitment to the museum field. Strong reading and writing ability in Spanish is desired.

- Part-time Museum Internship with stipend
- 2007 Part time or Full time schedule (three to six months) negotiable
- Minimum requirement 20 hours /week for three months
- Application Deadline October 6, 2006
- Notification of Selection by November 6, 2006

Application Instructions: see attached application form or download from our website www.moifa.org

Please send a detailed cover letter commenting on career goals, scholarship, and interest in museums, completed application form, resume, two reference letters, and unofficial transcripts no later than October 6, 2006, to:

*Museum of International Folk Art
LAS Fund Selection Committee
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