

Student Guide Program 2010

Program description

The Student Guide program began in 2007 with the goal of introducing undergraduates and other members of the Harvard community to the renowned collections of the Harvard Art Museum. Student Guides offer informal interactive gallery talks and tours on weekdays and weekends, as well as at special events such as the Night at the Museum series for Harvard students.

The Student Guide program is not limited to art history concentrators. In fact, Student Guides are encouraged to share the unique perspectives which their different concentrations bring to looking at art.

Training and commitment

As part of the Student Guide training course students meet with museum education staff and curators to learn more about the Museum's collections and to gain skills in facilitating interactive discussions of works of art. In addition, time is required for personal research—the total time commitment is approximately three to four hours a week. Student Guides are given access to research materials and Harvard Art Museum staff. Upon completion of the training course in the fall, Student Guides will give their own tours of the Harvard Art Museum to Harvard audiences and visitors.

Requirements

- Mandatory attendance at weekly Student Guide training classes. All sessions will be held on Tuesdays, 4 to 6pm.
Spring: April 6, 13 & 20, 2010
Fall: September 7 – November 2, 2010
- A commitment to lead Harvard Art Museum gallery tours as needed. (Every effort will be made to accommodate students' academic schedules.)
- A strong interest in art and museums, the ability to communicate with others, a willingness to commit time and effort to the program, and an enthusiasm for collaborative work.
- Applications are due by 5pm Friday, February 12, 2010.
- Please direct all application materials and inquiries to Judy Murray, Museum Educator, Harvard Art Museum, 32 Quincy Street, Cambridge MA 021387, 617-495-0765.

