The Seuss Project

A collaboration between Commonwealth Honors College and the Springfield Museums, the Seuss Project offers a set of practicum independent study opportunities for the Fall 2017 semester. The projects are related to the new Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum and other museum programs in Springfield, Massachusetts. The new museum honors the life and work of Springfield native Theodor Seuss Geisel (aka Dr. Seuss) and promotes literacy, teamwork, and creative thinking.

Honors students are invited to work on and off campus to support the opening of the museum. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2017. Students interested in any of the projects described below should direct inquiries to dean@honors.umass.edu.

APPLY

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The practicum opportunities offer experiential learning for 2 pass/fail credits. The opportunities are:
THE CAT’S CORNER INTERNSHIP  Interns based in The Cat’s Corner will assist with developing and facilitating hands-on literacy activities in a family drop-in space. In addition, interns will track visitation, assist with school group visits, and offer visitors guidance and interpretation in the galleries of The Amazing World of Dr. Seuss Museum. Interns must commit to working one 4-hour shift per week, in addition to special events.

ART DISCOVERY CENTER INTERNSHIPS  We are seeking interns to help run the day-to-day operations of the Art Discovery Center, volunteer at upcoming family programs, and to help in other aspects of the Education department as needed.

Responsibilities will include:
Learning about the collections of Springfield Museums as a whole, with a focus on the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, and specifically, the Art Discovery Center. Learning about Dr. Seuss and preparing special activities to be implemented with the new museum opening. Welcoming and creating a sense of belonging for a wide diversity of visitors. Helping to develop, prepare, facilitate, and track hands-on educational activities for families across disciplines. Working collaboratively with interns and staff

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