

Museum of Pop Culture 2019 Summer Fellowship

The Museum of Pop Culture (MoPOP) in Seattle, WA is excited to announce that in a combined effort with Vulcan, it is currently exploring the possibility of opening a new venue in New York City. As part of this effort, MoPOP's curatorial director is seeking a graduate student for a paid summer research fellowship to assist with curatorial work on a potential inaugural exhibition.

Originally known as Experience Music Project (EMP), MoPOP opened in June 2000. EMP's mission was to explore creativity and innovation in popular music. However, over the last 17 years since its inception, the museum has evolved, and was driven by a greater mission: to make creative expression a life-changing force by offering experiences that inspire and connect our communities. From this, MoPOP expanded in its scope and was able to reach a broader audience, reflected in its new name as the Museum of Pop Culture.

Since its launch, the museum has organized more than 85 original exhibitions, including but not limited to: *Bob Dylan's American Journey, 1956-1966*; *Nirvana: Taking Punk to the Masses*; *Star Trek: Exploring New Worlds*; *Can't Look Away: The Lure of Horror Film*; and *Fantasy: Worlds of Myth and Magic*.

MoPop's core values rest on five guiding principles: Open arms – practicing radical hospitality and equitable access; Creative exchanges – creating a space for community voices and collaborations; Light bulb moments – using pop culture as a catalyst for learning, connecting, and creating; Pursuing excellence – believing in integrity, innovation, and hard work leading to amazing things and; Excitement – valuing the thrill that comes from experiencing creativity together. In order to continue to grow and reach an even greater audience it is essential that MoPOP seeks venues past the realm of Seattle, WA, one such place is New York City.

Starting June 2019, the MoPOP Summer Fellow will work closely with, and be supervised by, MoPOP's curatorial director to research and develop content for an exhibition about pop culture and New York City.

The fellowship will include:

- Conducting historical and original research for exhibition content
- Researching, sourcing, and selecting images and media
- Researching and sourcing potential artifacts
- Researching key artists and experts for filmed interviews and helping to conduct interviews
- Working with the exhibition design firm on content development
- Communicating with other museums, institutions, and lenders

Requirements

- Strong research, writing and organizational skills
- Strong communication skills
- Serious love of pop culture and deep knowledge of New York City
- Available for weekly check-ins with curatorial director via technology (Zoom, Skype, etc.) to discuss progress
- Available for monthly in-person meetings with curatorial director and exhibit design firm in New York City

Fellows will receive

- The fellow selected will be hired by Vulcan Personal Services and will include the standard Vulcan NDAs, and allow her/him to work in New York City. The fellow shall be paid \$25 per hour for 200 hours over nine weeks (10-30 per week) for a total amount of \$5,000
- The fellow is not eligible for benefits, but she/he will be reimbursed for transportation pass for the duration of the fellowship.
- Additionally, at no cost to the fellow, Vulcan will fly her/him to Seattle for the Vulcan intern orientation taking place on June 17, 2019. This will include a tour of MoPOP, hotel and per diem provisions. Please note, human resources at Vulcan will provide and coordinate all respective travel to and from Seattle, WA.

Timeline

- April 29, 2019: Applications open.
- May 13, 2019: Applications due.
- May 24, 2019 to May 27, 2019: Interviews conducted.
- June 01, 2019: Fellow is notified.
- June 16-18, 2019: Roundtrip travel to Seattle, WA for Vulcan intern orientation, MoPOP tour, and exhibit design meetings.
- August 16, 2019: Fellowship ends.

How to Apply

Applicants should send the materials requested below as email attachments and/or links addressed to Ariana Durando, Administrative Coordinator, at adurando1@gc.cuny.edu. Please use the subject: "MoPOP Fellowship Application."

Application Deadline: May 13, 2019

- Personal statement/statement of interest
- Work sample
- CV/resume
- Contact info