



Collections Internship



“Wende” is a German word that means “transformation.” It is commonly used to describe the era of uncertainty and possibility leading up to and following the fall of the Berlin Wall. Headquartered in a renovated National Guard Armory in Culver City, the Wende Museum is a cultural laboratory that pairs unparalleled collections from the Cold War era with contemporary artists, filmmakers, musicians, scholars, and others. The Wende’s collection encompasses more than 100,000 holdings, ranging from consumer products to fine art,

political symbols, audiovisual materials, spy equipment, posters, ephemera, commemoratives, books, archives, and personal histories.

The Wende offers Collection Internships for a consecutive ten week work period. The internship is unpaid and can be offered for academic credit. Each internship is designed to offer eligible undergraduate or graduate students experience in collection management, collection development, and artifact research.

The Collections Internship will focus on cataloging the Museum’s incoming acquisitions and existing backlog. Interns will gain experience in key areas of object handling, processing objects, and using a museum database (Mimsy XG). Interns will have the opportunity to directly work with artifacts from the Cold War and be exposed to a variety of museum activities.

Potential interns must meet the following criteria for consideration:

- Have completed at least one semester of college by the time of application;
- Possess an avid interest in museum studies, history, and material and visual culture of Cold War-era Eastern Europe and Soviet Russia;
- Be comfortable working with databases and computers;
- Be detail-oriented, self-motivated, and independent, with excellent communication skills;
- A reading knowledge of German, Russian, or an Eastern European Language is helpful but not required.

To apply, please send a cover letter outlining your interest and a current resume to:

internships@wendemuseum.org

Please indicate that you are applying for the Collections Internship, both in the email subject and cover letter.