**MAD Student Docents**

The Education Department at the Museum of Arts and Design is currently accepting applications from undergraduate and graduate students in Art Education and Museum Education programs to become Student Docents as part of a new initiative designed to provide an opportunity to gather hands-on gallery teaching experience and create pathways into the field of museum education for students from diverse backgrounds. Student Docents will be trained to facilitate hour-long inquiry-based gallery tours hat engage visitors in close looking and discussion while offering an overview of the Museum as reflected through current exhibitions.

MAD is eager to recruit students from demographic groups currently underrepresented in the museum field and who reflect the diversity of NYC in terms of race, gender, nationality, age, religion, sexual orientation, and physical abilities.

The Student Docent Initiative promotes career development through museum education training and practice and will hone participants’ observation, critical thinking, leadership, and presentations skills as they learn about inquiry-based tour strategies.

**Responsibilities:**

**MAD student docents are required to commit to at least one year of training and teaching (October through September).** An initial training program (4 double sessions) will cover basic inquiry and discussion strategies and will complement exhibition walkthroughs with curators and independent art historical research on current and upcoming exhibitions. Student docents will lead weekly 6:30pm tours on Thursdays. **Please note that Thursday afternoon and evening availability is key to being able to participate in this program.**

**Qualifications:**

* Interest in gallery teaching for (mostly) adult audiences
* Interest in and knowledge of contemporary art, craft, and design practices
* Enjoyment of engaging with the public through inquiry-based conversations
* Strong research and public speaking skills
* Can-do attitude, flexibility, and enthusiasm
* Spanish or other foreign language a plus

**Compensation:**

While MAD is not able to offer compensation at this point the education department would be happy to negotiate course credit with applicants’ colleges/universities where applicable.

**Application and Time Frame:**

**Please email your resume and cover letter to education@madmuseum.org by October 7, 2018.** Candidates will be chosen by the mid-October and the program will begin in early November.