Graduate Student Assistant (GSA) Position, University Art Gallery (UAG)
Academic Year, 2023-2024
Application Deadline: May 12, 2023, 5pm

We invite applications from graduate students for a one-year GSA position, late August 2023 through end of April 2024, in the University Art Gallery (UAG), located in the Frick Fine Arts Building. The GSA will work closely with Dr. Sylvia Rhor Samaniego, UAG Director, to design and deliver academic initiatives and public programs related to next year’s exhibitions, which will focus on contemporary Caribbean, Latinx and African American Art. This position is open to Dietrich School PhD students from any discipline and at any stage of their studies. It will carry particular benefit for students who are considering careers in museums, galleries, cultural institutions or public engagement. This placement will provide the graduate student an opportunity to gain experience in an active university museum and conducting object-based public programming. The GSA will also work closely with other university departments and community partners to extend and strengthen the UAG’s commitment to diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion.

Qualifications:

- A commitment to and experience in advancing diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion
- An interest in contemporary visual art and/or Latinx, Caribbean or African American arts and culture
- Exceptional public speaking and teaching skills, and comfortable interacting with a wide range of people and audiences.
- A desire to learn best practices in museum engagement and public programming
- Attention to detail, dependable, and disciplined
- Ability to work collaboratively within a fast-paced environment
- No previous museum or gallery experience is required, but would be an asset
- Fluency in Spanish preferred

The GSA will be expected to work onsite in the UAG up to 20 hours per week. Schedule to be determined by the graduate student in consultation with Dr. Rhor.

Please note: This GSA position will be paid at the TA/TF rate for AY 2023-24. This position is open only to Dietrich School PhD students.

To learn more about the UAG, please visit uag.pitt.edu and the Gallery’s Instagram account: @pitt_uag.

Applicants should please provide the following materials in a single .pdf to sylvia.rhor@pitt.edu by 5pm on May 12, 2023.
• Cover Letter (2 pages max) addressing the applicant’s qualifications and interest in opportunity
• Current CV
• Names and contact information for two professional references

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed via Zoom by Sylvia Rhor Samaniego, Director, University Art Gallery, and Dr. Christopher Nygren, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, History of Art and Architecture.