



Museum Textile Services

FAQ Sheet for MTS Internships

Q: What are the benefits of being an MTS intern?

A: Museum Textile Services internships provide the opportunity to observe and perform treatments while gaining hands-on experience with a variety of objects. Your certificate of completion tells future employers that you are well trained and are committed to museum collections work.

Q: Who can participate in MTS internships?

A: Anyone with an interest in art conservation, museum studies, or art history is encouraged to apply.

Q: Are MTS internships paid or unpaid?

A: Internships at MTS are unpaid.

Q: Do I have to be a student to be eligible for an internship?

A: You do not have to be enrolled currently as a student to be eligible for an internship.

Q: Can I use this internship for academic credit?

A: Yes, interns can receive academic credit so long as they make arrangements with their respective institutions.

Q: What are the prerequisites for applying for an internship?

A: Applicants must have excellent eye sight and hand sewing skills. Previous museum or conservation experience is preferred but not required. Applicants are normally professional adults, graduate students or pre-program students with a BA.

Q: What types of projects would I be working on?

A: Internships are geared toward the applicant's skill level and can range from library cataloging to collections management to hands-on conservation.

Q: What is the minimum commitment required for an internship at MTS?

A: All interns must commit to a minimum of one day a week for an initial 120 hours. Level 1 certification comes with core readings and covers at least 3 kinds of textile treatments. Level 2 certification requires a 240 hour commitment and comes with additional reading and treatment experience. Level 3 certification combines treatment, professional development, and outreach requirements with a minimum commitment of 360 hours.

Q: How do I apply? What should I include?

A: Please send a brief letter of introduction along with your resume to info@museumtextiles.com