

Museum Immersion Program at UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art

The UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art is a newly unified museum that brings together the academic depth of UC Irvine with the public presence of a major regional art institution. Led by Museum Director Kathryn Kanjo, the museum brings together two renowned institutions under a shared vision of public access, scholarship, and meaningful cultural engagement across Orange County and beyond.

The museum cares for a collection of more than 9,000 works tracing California art from the nineteenth century to today. As the museum moves toward a single, consolidated home, its work will be centered in the 53,000-square-foot public-facing building in Costa Mesa designed for exhibitions, programs, and community gathering—bringing together education, research, and public engagement under one roof.

As part of the University of California, the UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art connects artists, students, scholars, and the public through exhibitions, programs, and collaborations that spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and inspire connection. The museum is entering an exciting new chapter, guided by a vision of curatorial excellence, accessibility, and service to the region's vibrant cultural landscape.

About the Program

UC Irvine Langson Museum offers a 10-week internship during the summer to UC Irvine undergraduates, providing a hands-on experience in museum operations, working alongside professionals in departments including Collections, Curatorial, Marketing, and Education.

This immersive experience is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the museum world while tailoring projects to individual interests and academic goals. Students will also participate in weekly meetings with staff, embark on behind-the-scenes field trips to renowned museums, and receive valuable career-readiness training.

The program requires 32 hours a week starting from July 7 through September 10, 2026. The position requires working in the museum three days per week and working remotely one day per week. Although most positions will require working Tuesday through Thursday and working remotely on Friday, some weekend work will be required if you are interested in the Education department.

Description of Departments

- Collections - creates and maintains the official records for all artworks in the museum's permanent collection, oversees all artworks entering and leaving the museum, and is responsible for the care of the collection.
- Curatorial - responsible for researching and curating exhibitions, organizing related public programming, and researching and building the permanent collection. Through these programs, the aim is to deepen student, faculty, and community connections with the museum's collections and exhibitions.

- Education - designs educational programs that allow audiences of all ages to exchange ideas, share creative opportunities, and uncover the transformative power of art. Students will learn about best practices in museum education and work with department staff to create meaningful learning experiences which deepen public engagement with art, artists, and exhibitions on view.
- Marketing - develops and executes comprehensive strategies to engage the UCI community and broader audience, promoting the museum's programs and exhibitions through various channels including social media, events, and content creation.

Location

The museum operates out of two locations, an office on campus and the museum's Costa Mesa site at 3333 Avenue of the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. Students will be responsible for their own transportation.

Qualifications

- ✎ Current undergraduate student at UC Irvine with a strong academic record
- ✎ Interest in museums, arts administration, or related fields
- ✎ Excellent organizational and time management skills
- ✎ Strong communication skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with a team
- ✎ Strong writing and research skills, with attention to detail
- ✎ Proficiency in Microsoft Office

Compensation

Starting at \$16.90 per hour

Application Process

- Specify two departments of interest; Collections, Curatorial, Education, and Marketing.
- Submit a resume and cover letter in one PDF document.
- Application deadline: May 1, 2026
- All materials to be submitted through Handshake job posting (Job ID# 10882972)

Please note that interviews will take place in early to mid May, 2026.