
UC Irvine Langson – Curatorial Department – Graduate Student Researcher 2026-27

The Curatorial Department at UC Irvine Langson Orange County Museum of Art (UCI Langson) is accepting applications for a Graduate Student Researcher (GSR). The GSR will learn to curate an exhibition for the summer of 2027 with the guidance and mentorship of the Curatorial Department's staff. Responsibilities will include but not be limited to:

- Conceptualizing a thematic exhibition on California art created between 1895-1930 or on California art inspired by or directly connected with California Impressionism
- Developing a final checklist of approximately 30-45 artworks from the museum's permanent collection using EmbArk
- Possibility to write and publish a 1,000-word curatorial essay based on their research
- Drafting all interpretive wall text, including extended wall labels and section panels
- Researching and securing image and copyright permissions for graphics and exhibition copies if necessary
- Researching artworks and conducting tombstone verification of artworks
- Presenting research to staff
- Conducting tours of exhibition
- Proposing two public programs thematically linked to the exhibition
- Participating in creation of marketing and promotional content in collaboration with the Marketing and Communications Department
- Collaborating with Exhibition Department staff on layout, casework, and exhibition design
- Conducting research on artworks and artists for a variety of curatorial projects, conservation initiatives, academic engagement initiatives, and/or public programs
- Supporting all aspects of exhibition research, development, and implementation through interdisciplinary engagement with various academic fields of study (e.g., arts, humanities, sciences, education) and outreach to cultural institutions, such as archives, libraries, artist estates, galleries, historical societies, etc.
- Assisting with writing and editing exhibition-related materials, including interpretive wall texts and other exhibition-related didactic resources
- Providing organizational support
- Performing other duties as assigned that pertain to the functions and responsibilities of a Graduate Student Researcher at UCI Langson Orange County Museum of Art.

GSRs are to participate actively in the conducting of research, as described below:

- Research and collect data through complex techniques and procedures, library research, structured interviews, or other project specific methodology.
- Collect, interpret, synthesize, and analyze data/information.
- Schedule, organize, and report on status of research activities.
- Plan and modify research techniques, procedures, tests, equipment, or software management.
- Prepare interview questions.
- Recruit and/or interview subjects.
- Summarize interviews.

- Maintain accurate records of interviews, safeguarding the confidentiality of subjects, as necessary.
- Summarize project/research results.
- Write and edit materials for publication and presentation.
- Conduct literature reviews.
- Prepare other articles, reports, and presentations.
- Manage and respond to project-related email.
- Collaborate with lab/team members.

Requirements

- Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at the University of California, Irvine and must meet academic eligibility requirements to hold a Graduate Student Researcher position at UCI.
- Applicants must be able to work full-time (40 hours a week) during the 2026 summer quarter and part-time (up to 20 hours per week) during the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters of 2026-2027 in a hybrid capacity.
- **Preferred**
 - Doctoral students within the School of Humanities and Social Sciences

If interested, please send your cover letter and resume, to Assistant Curator Michaëla Mohrmann, PhD, at m.mohrmann@uci.edu.