NEW POSITION: Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) 
Graduate Assistantship/Curatorial

The Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) at VCU is a new, non-collecting institution dedicated to presenting the art of our time and to providing an open forum for dialogue and collaboration across the region and throughout the world. The ICA's target audiences are curious-minded people, VCU faculty, VCU students, and Richmond teens.

Designed by Steven Holl Architects and located at the corner of Broad and Belvidere, the Markel Center, which houses the ICA, opens October 28, 2017. As the largest privately-supported arts project in VCU's history, the ICA will be a significant resource for VCU, Richmond, and the wider contemporary art world.

Within this context, the ICA is seeking a Graduate Assistant who will work with ICA Curatorial staff. The Graduate Assistant will assist with many aspects of the ICA's inaugural exhibition and programs, with a focus on supporting artists' projects that link contemporary artists, campus, and community. The Graduate Assistant will also assist with researching future exhibitions, and a range of other responsibilities. Some weekend hours may be required.

Position Description

The 9-month ICA Graduate Assistantship is for the 2017-18 academic year, running from August 25, 2017-May 9, 2018. The Graduate Assistant will work 20 hours per week and receive a stipend of $15,000, as well as full in-state tuition support (excluding all fees). Work on weekends may be required.

The graduate fellow must be a degree-seeking (master's or doctorate) student in good standing with no other VCU employment. The fellow must enroll for credit for a minimum of nine (9) graduate hours in both the fall and spring semesters. While candidates from a wide range of backgrounds would be considered, preference will be given to candidates with demonstrated commitment to both contemporary art and community engagement.

The responsibilities of the position are meant to provide an experience that is of mutual benefit to the ICA and the Graduate Assistant. The ICA Graduate Assistant/Curatorial will gain experience in the following areas:
• Curatorial practice, including research, exhibition planning and production, and interpretation
• Contemporary art and artists, emphasizing socially engaged public practice
• Current issues facing contemporary institutions and audiences

ICA Graduate Assistantship/Curatorial Application

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To apply, submit a cover letter, current CV, and answers to the questions below. Applications are due by email to Amber Esseiva at at esseivaaj@vcu.edu no later than NOON on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

Questions

1. Why are you interested in the ICA Graduate Assistant/Curatorial position? (200 words max.)

2. What skills/experiences do you bring to this position and how might they contribute to the mission of the ICA? (150 words max.)

3. What skills/experiences do you hope to gain from working in this position? (100 words max.)

4. Why do you think museums are relevant in the 21st century? (150 words max.)