Since 1975, University Museums has offered professional museum training to Iowa State students from various academic backgrounds through internships and employment programs.

MISSION

The estate of Lori A. Jacobson established the Lynette Pohlman Student Mentoring Scholarship Fund, which supports the Lynette Pohlman Museum Fellowship.

A consummate museum professional, including museum curator, educator, strategist and exhibit designer, Lori Jacobson’s career was launched through her undergraduate work with Iowa State’s University Museums; recognizing the importance of that experience, she chose to name the fellowship for her mentor, University Museums Director Lynette Pohlman.

The goal of the fellowship is to provide one-on-one mentoring to selected undergraduates to help them develop the knowledge and specialized skills required for continued education or securing a job in the burgeoning and flourishing museum field.

Pohlman Fellows gain hands-on experience in a museum setting, assisting curators and staff on exhibitions, collections, programs, and special projects. Fellows are matched with a museum staff mentor who works to enrich the Fellow’s academic experience and exposure to the museum context while broadening their understanding of art, art history, cultural arts and the relevant role of museums in the lives of citizens.

Lynette Pohlman
University Museums Director & Chief Curator

RESPONSIBILITIES MAY INCLUDE:

• Assisting in day-to-day museum and departmental activities, including welcoming and orienting visitors to the University Museums
• Assisting with the planning and installation of exhibitions
• Assisting with assigned special projects that may focus on conservation, publications, or conference/seminar planning
• Assisting with collection management of loaned and permanent collections
• Assisting with care of works of art
• Assisting with research of collections and exhibitions
• Assisting and facilitating education and public programs
• Assisting with the development of exhibition and education materials
• Assisting with program promotion
• Assisting with museum donors, when appropriate
• Assisting with additional tasks and programs as needed

Lori A. Jacobson
1958-2018
Undergraduates students from any academic major are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be enrolled at Iowa State University at the time of application and enrolled at Iowa State throughout the fellowship period. Applicants must be in satisfactory academic status and eligible to work as a student employee of University Museums.

In addition, the successful candidate will have:

- A strong interest in art history, history, anthropology or museums
- A demonstrated strong work ethic
- A demonstrated willingness to learn
- Experience working with a diverse public
- The ability to climb ladders and to lift up to 50 pounds
- Sustained endurance to lead campus art tours
- Strong written, oral, visual, and electronic communication skills

Application deadline for the Pohlman Fellowship is April 1, 2021 or until the position is filled. To apply, please submit the following materials by mail to the address noted below:

- A resume
- A personal statement of 500-1000 words describing your academic, personal, and career interests and how these relate to the mission of the University Museums
- One letter of recommendation attesting to your academic and/or work experience and work ethic.
- An unofficial transcript

All applications will be reviewed; finalists will be invited to interview. For questions, call University Museums at 515.294.3342.