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
Students selected as Pohlman Fellows work closely with a professional staff mentor who introduces them to the staff, departments, education programs, and functions of the University Museums. Fellows participate in the ongoing work of the museum and its departments, completing projects or a discrete portion of a larger project, and attending a regular seminar with the staff mentor and others. The Fellow and staff mentor will also attend a local or regional professional conference.

One Pohlman Fellow will be selected each year for one academic year or two semesters. Fellows work an average of 10 hours per week to receive a minimum award of $1500.00 per semester (based on a 15-week work schedule). Fellowships may be renewed for a second year at the discretion of the University Museums’ Director upon the recommendation of the staff mentor. Renewal of the fellowship will be determined by the end of the semester prior to the final semester of the current fellowship.

WHO MAY APPLY
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 PROCESS
Application deadline for the Pohlman Fellowship is April 26, 2019 or until the position is filled. To apply, please submit the following materials by mail to 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

University Museums, Attn: Pohlman Fellowship
290 Scheman Building, 1805 Center Drive
Ames IA 50011

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

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