

The Menil Collection Employment Opportunity

Title: *Andrew W. Mellon Advanced Training Fellow in Objects Conservation*

Department: Conservation

Reports to: Objects Conservator / Assistant Objects Conservator

Work Location: Onsite

Term: One year with the possibility of renewal for an additional two years

Applications will be reviewed beginning May 31, 2024, and be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

The Menil Collection is pleased to offer an advanced training fellowship in objects conservation supported by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The term of the fellowship is one year, with the possibility of renewal for an additional two years, commencing in the fall of 2024.

Integrated within the iconic Renzo Piano-designed Menil Collection, the conservation facilities comprise shared and dedicated studios for the conservation of paintings, objects, and works of art on paper, as well as analysis and imaging. Since its founding in 1987, the Menil Collection Conservation Department has distinguished itself by publishing treatments and materials research and participating in artist interviews through the Artists Documentation Program.

The fellowship will provide an opportunity for the conservator to broaden their experience through participation in all activities related to the treatment, installation, exhibition, loan, and research of three-dimensional works of art. The Menil Collection's holdings in objects are diverse, with particular strengths in arts of the Ancient Mediterranean, Africa, and 20th century and contemporary art, and include outdoor sculpture, time-based media, and sculptural works in a multitude of media. During the fellowship period, the Fellow will, in consultation with the Objects Conservators and Director of Conservation, develop and undertake a research project, ideally resulting in a peer-reviewed publication or public presentation. The Fellow will also participate in a museum-wide interns and fellows cohort program to enhance their professional development and create a network of colleagues.

The successful applicant will receive a stipend of \$53,000 and a comprehensive benefits package that includes medical and dental insurance, paid holidays, sick and vacation days, and a 401(k) plan. In addition, up to \$1,500 will be provided to offset relocation expenses, and generous travel funds are provided to support research and professional development.

Qualifications and Skills

The applicant must:

- Have graduated from a recognized training program within the last 3 years or have equivalent experience
- Be able to show, in the context of previous treatments or independent research, a demonstrated practice of ethical and professional principles and concepts related to the preservation of objects
- Have excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills

- Be able to work both independently and collaboratively
- Be able to flexibly prioritize multiple concurrent projects

Benefits

The position comes with a comprehensive benefits package that includes paid vacation and sick time, medical and dental insurance, life insurance, AD&D, and LTD coverage. Employees may also participate in the Menil's 401(k) plan and receive an employer contribution equivalent to 5% of wages earned after one year of full-time employment.

How to apply

Applicants should email a curriculum vitae, a letter of intent outlining their interest in working at the Menil and goals for the fellowship period and contact information for three references to hr@menil.org. Alternatively, application materials may be submitted via postal mail to:

Human Resources Department
The Menil Collection
1511 Branard Street
Houston, Texas 77006
USA

If selected for a virtual interview, the applicant will be asked to prepare and present an approximately 30-minute PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of their background and outlining an in-depth treatment.

The Menil Collection is an Equal Opportunity Employer and seeks diversity in its workforce. The Menil is committed to attracting, retaining, developing, and promoting the most qualified employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state, or local laws.