Thinkery
Intern Position Description

Position Title: Maker Education Intern
Department: Education Department
Classification: Non-paid internship and does not require academic credit
Reports To: Maker Education Coordinator

The mission of Thinkery is to create innovative learning experiences that equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers. For more information about Thinkery, check out www.thinkeryausin.org.

The intern’s primary functions include assisting the Maker Education Coordinator with the implementation of public programs and activities relating to fabrication, making and tinkering. Additional tasks include preparing Making and Tinkering focused programming that supports STEAM with an emphasis on blending art and science, facilitating gallery activities and working directly with children and families. This internship focuses heavily on building, making, and tinkering so we encourage individuals with a strong interest in fabrication to apply.

This internship will provide the student with practical experience teaching and developing educational curriculum in the museum setting. He/she will work with a well-respected informal education institution during a very exciting time of growth and change.

Essential Job Functions:
• Assist in implementing innovative tinkering programs for a variety of audiences in the museum’s Innovators’ Workshop and Space 8 galleries.
• Maintain and organize educational workshop materials related to making, tinkering, and fabrication.
• Support and mentor museum and youth volunteers assisting with programs.
• Attend and assist with applicable museum special events.
• Assist with promotion of applicable programs.
• Programs may include science and engineering workshops, school programs, and birthday parties.

Qualifications:
• Commitment to and enthusiasm for the mission of Thinkery.
• Proficiency with art, crafting, making, tinkering, and/or fabrication skills.
• Demonstrated interest in learning new art, craft, making, tinkering, and fabrication techniques.
• Experience working directly with young children and the adults in their lives.
• Confidence and competence working with all children and families of all race, gender, and ability.
• Strong interpersonal skills.
• Confidence in working independently, as well as with a team.
• Competency in prioritizing and structuring work tasks and time management.
• Positive attitude and lots of energy.
• Must be available occasional evenings and weekends.

Schedule: 10-20 hours/week, flexible but regular schedule will be established between intern and supervisor.