



## **Community Engagement Representative (CER)**

Application Deadline: *Rolling, Per Exhibition*

### **Internship Description**

Our Community Engagement Representatives (CERs) are the first people that guests come into contact with when visiting MCASB. The majority of their responsibilities take place in the galleries of the museum working as our front-of-house staff, welcoming visitors and acting as a conduit between the public and the artwork we showcase in our exhibitions. Along with assisting in day-to-day museum operations, CERs must have a working knowledge of the art and the artists currently on display. They must be familiar with the history, programs, staff, and mission of MCASB, which is covered in a series of mandatory training sessions prior to the opening of each exhibition. CERs demonstrate the accessibility of contemporary art by facilitating conversation with visitors and encouraging participation. They convey to the public that we are a community organization committed to advancing creativity and inspiring critical thinking through meaningful engagement with the art of our time.

### **Why become a Community Engagement Representative?**

The Community Engagement Internship is an unpaid, educational opportunity for entry-level professionals and students to gain experience working within a non-profit museum setting. During their time at MCASB, CERs have the opportunity to earn class credit, gain free entry into museums, meet with leading contemporary artists and art professionals, and begin building their creative network. CERs have a chance to establish lasting relationships with MCASB staff, who are committed to supporting our interns both professionally and personally. Because we value the dedication and unique contributions to our museum that CERs provide, we also make sure to update interns on all art-related and relevant job opportunities whenever they arise.

### **Requirements**

This internship requires a minimum commitment of one exhibition cycle, or approximately 3-4 months. Community Engagement Representatives work a total of six hours per week, which can be split into multiple days or worked as one full shift. In addition, CERs must volunteer at one educational event per month outside of their scheduled shift(s). CERs attend three training sessions for each new exhibition, as well as monthly intern meetings, which take place on the first Friday of every month and offer continuing education opportunities.

### **How to apply**

Successful Community Engagement Representatives are self-motivated, creative, and open-minded. This position requires individuals with excellent written and verbal communication skills, and an interest in working with contemporary art is essential. Prior

museum or gallery experience is not required. We hire on a rolling basis - if you are interested in joining our team, please send a cover letter\* and resume to [engagement@mcasantabarbara.org](mailto:engagement@mcasantabarbara.org).

*\*Please address the following topics in your cover letter:*

- *Why are you interested in being a Community Engagement Representative for MCASB, and why MCASB in particular?*
- *What do you hope to get out of this internship?*
- *What experience do you have? This can include positions in customer service and relevant coursework.*
- *Please include your availability in reference to our hours of operation for the extent of the exhibition you are interested in.*