

# Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

## JOB OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

For more than 30 years, the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh has provided "innovative museum experiences that inspire joy, creativity and curiosity". Through high quality exhibits and programs, we provide opportunities to the region's children for learning and play. We also provide resources and partner with those in the community who share our vision and work with or on behalf of children. We are currently recruiting for the following position:

### **Youth Teaching Artist – Museum Lab**

Reports to: Education Partnership Manager

#### **Position Summary**

The Youth Teaching Artist creates and integrates experiences in Museum Lab to provide innovative museum experiences that foster joy, creativity and curiosity among visitors and teen participants in Museum Lab. The Youth Teaching Artist develops and facilitates creative, authentic, and project-based experiences with teens, families and groups, using the "real stuff" (tools, processes, materials) across Museum Lab. These youth-oriented, culturally-relevant projects associated with different physical and digital disciplines of creation, design, art and craftwork will respond to the community's needs and interests.

In addition, the Youth Teaching Artist:

- Acts as a visible and accessible, caring adult for youth visiting Museum Lab during outside of school time.
- Serves as a liaison between youth, their interests and potential programs of Museum Lab; generating projects that respond in a dynamic and self-generating manner
- Is a working artist, technician, or fabricator, and is consistently engages in personal growth of process, technique, fluency with materials, etc.
- Exemplifies culturally relevant practices with youth
- Participates in reflective practice, including research-oriented discussions with partners, artists, and youth.

#### **Position Requirements**

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent in appropriate field (e.g. education, sociology, fine art, engineering, design, industrial design, interactive media, etc.) required. Graduate degree in appropriate field preferred
- Experience working with children, teens, and/or families in formal and/or informal learning environments.
- Personal interest and background in youth programs, youth leadership, design, and/or art.
- Administrative experience (record keeping, project management, personnel management) required.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills with children, youth, adults and persons with diverse needs and backgrounds is essential. This position requires leadership skills exemplified by initiative and organizational skills. A high level of written and oral communication skill is needed. Teamwork within Museum staff and Museum Lab partners is important.
- Experience in the development and implementation of age-appropriate activities, based in a high regard for youth, their families and community, and an understanding of project based learning and education research and theory.
- Ability to use sound judgment when handling diverse situations that arise with staff, teens, and visitors is required.
- FBI fingerprinting, Act 33 (PA Child Abuse) and Act 34 (PA Criminal) Clearances required

If you are interested in applying for this position, please complete our online application found at: <https://pittsburghkids.org/job/jobs>. In addition, you may be required to submit a resume and cover letter. Please follow the instructions on the application site.

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Thank you for your interest.  
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