Public Art University of Houston System

Student Ambassadors (Undergraduate), 2022-2023

Student Ambassadors are a dynamic cohort of undergraduate students at UH System universities. They facilitate engaging art experiences for our diverse audiences, lead virtual and in-person tours as well as support most of our public-facing activities.

Student Ambassadors exercise problem solving skills while engaging audiences through art tours, tabling events, and other outward-facing activities. Ambassadors attend trainings and regular meetings (typically held on Fridays) throughout the semester. In addition, they develop independent, cross-disciplinary research projects in their field of interest or study.



Through this socially responsible role, Student Ambassadors develop hands-on transferable skills in problem solving, research, public speaking, communication, and collaboration.

All current undergraduate students at UH System universities (University of Houston, University of Houston-Downtown, University of Houston-Clear Lake, and University of Houston-Victoria) are invited to apply, irrespective of their major or area of study. Students do not need prior experience to apply. However, we seek students who are reliable, intellectually curious, passionate about the arts, and interested in sharing their knowledge with others.

A commitment of at least one academic year is required. Students receive a stipend of \$1,000 per semester for 6-8 hours of work per week through the fall 2022 and spring 2023 semesters.

To apply, please submit your resume, transcript (official or unofficial), and a statement of interest to pauhsedu by Monday, September 12, 2022. Interviews will be scheduled in late September and selections will be made by October 1, 2022.

Public Art of the University of Houston System:

Through robust programing, exhibitions, publications, research and one of the most significant university-based art collections in the United States, Public Art of the University of Houston System (Public Art UHS) serves diverse communities throughout greater Houston and Southeast Texas. Our programs and events are open to everyone and access to our collection is always free. Public Art UHS is the oldest, most significant and only collecting arts organization within the University of Houston System, which includes the University of Houston (UH), the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL), the University of Houston-Downtown (UHD), and the University of Houston-Victoria (UHV). Learn more at https://publicartuhs.org/.

Art + Science Collaborations:



This year's Student Ambassador program is presented in close partnership with the BRAIN Center at the UH College of Engineering. Student Ambassadors will attend trainings that explore the connection between art and the brain and collect data using Mobile Brain/Body Imaging equipment under the guidance of a research design specialist. Students who are interested in art and science can choose to conduct independent research projects in the subject. Learn more about this collaboration:

https://publicartuhs.org/neuroaesthetics-lab/

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Student Ambassadors are supported by the Cougar Initiative to Engage (CITE), which is the University of Houston's Quality Enhancement Plan to increase the number of high-impact co-curricular learning activities and the number of undergraduate students participating in these activities. Co-curricular learning activities provide students with direct real-world experience, preparing them for success in their lives and careers. CITE is an opportunity to have a truly transformative impact on students and the broader university community. Learn more about CITE at: https://www.uh.edu/provost/university/qep/.

