



**FORT WORTH MUSEUM**  
SCIENCE AND HISTORY

## **Teen Technology Guide Internship**

### **School Year Session**

### **September 28<sup>th</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Internship Overview**

The Teen Technology Guide Internship (Teen Tech) is a volunteer internship program for students, designed to nurture young leaders in our community and provide support for museum learning programs in a technological age. High school students will work in the Innovation Studios assisting staff in creating and implementing engaging, hands-on experiences for museum visitors. They will spend most of their time in Maker Studio.

Maker Studio is a pop-up program located in Innovation Studios designed to give guests an opportunity to engage in hands-on making and STEAM based experiences in a small setting. This is a wonderful opportunity for teens to gain experience working in a professional setting, meet new people, make a positive impact on our community, and be a part of the Maker movement. The Maker movement emphasizes learning through doing, creating new things, and sharing new ideas and technologies.

Teen Techs will be skilled in one or more specific areas of expertise related to technology, whether “high-tech” (computer programming, circuitry, robotics, etc.) or “low-tech” (working with tools, creative crafting, wood working, etc.). They will demonstrate a positive attitude and willingness to learn new things. Teen Techs will demonstrate an ability to communicate and demonstrate technical concepts effectively and to create a welcoming environment for museum visitors by actively engaging them in hands-on activities.

The application is for the school year session only. Some applicants will be selected for phone and in-person interviews with the Innovation Studios Manager. Those who have been selected as Teen Technology Guides in past sessions must reapply. Volunteers will be selected and trained as a cohort for a specific session. Internship schedule will be arranged individually with the Studio Manager, but each intern is expected to commit to 80 hours throughout the school year.

#### **Applicant Requirements**

*Positions within the program are limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply early.*

- Student in good standing in grades 10-12 during the 2019/2020 school year
- 15-18 years old at time of application to program
- Compliance with all FWMSH employment policies required, including a background check
- Required releases signed by a parent or legal guardian



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**Teen Technology Guide Expectations**

- Attend a required orientation
- Meet the minimum time commitment for the session (80 hours)
- Assist with Maker Studio
- Arrive and depart as scheduled prepared and ready to work
- Communicate clearly and promptly with the Studio Manager as needed
- Behave in a manner consistent with museum policies as provided at orientation and training, including dress code
- Interact with museum guests according to all museum policies and guidance

**Fort Worth Museum of Science and History Expectations**

- Provide an orientation and training program
- Provide relevant employment policies of the museum including safety guidelines
- Provide relevant policies and expectations for the Teen Technology Guides as outlined in the Show Quality Standards document
- Provide supervision during scheduled volunteer shift hours
- Provide work assignment, training and equipment in specific areas of new technology and activities consistent with museum goals
- Provide a Community Volunteer Hours Certificate upon request

**Application Timeline**

**August 7th:** Applications Open

**September 7th:** Applications Close

**September 4th-September 20th:** Phone and In-Person Interviews (All interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis as soon as the application is submitted)

**September 20th:** Applicants Notified of Teen Tech Choices

**September 28th:** Teen Tech Training - Students and parents/guardians will be expected to complete all required paperwork (including a background check) before this day in order for students to participate. Training hours acquired on this day will count toward the 80 hour internship total.

**April 4th:** Internship Ends

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