ICA Graduate Lecturer Overview (2022-2023 job description)

Each academic year four Penn graduate students, two from Weitzman School of Design in Fine Arts and two from the History of Art Department, are selected as ICA Graduate Lecturers. Students work closely with ICA's Public Engagement and Curatorial Departments to organize and lead exhibition tours and facilitate discussions on topics related to their practice and research through our program series, Coffee & Conversation.

Graduate Lecturers are paid a stipend of $1,500 (dispersed in four installments of $375). The position is an incredible opportunity to intimately work with the ICA staff, curators, and artists who exhibit at the institution, and engage in meaningful dialogue with the public about critical issues pertaining to the arts, while enhancing your own creative practice and research in the process.

In preparation for the responsibilities of the position, Graduate Lecturers are provided training, access to the ICA library and archives, informational material about the exhibitions, and an array of additional resources. Please share your CV and a one-page statement about your professional/academic experiences and interests in the position to Brittany Clottey, Public Engagement Project Manager and Administrative Coordinator at bclottey@ica.upenn.edu.

Responsibilities include:
Lead 8 public tours (4 each exhibition cycle)
Conceptualize and lead 1 public Coffee and Conversation discussion

Participate in the following:
A minimum of 1 prep session for public Coffee and Conversation program
1 general overview session at the beginning of the academic year (usually in September)
2 exhibition walkthroughs with the curators and artists (1 per season)
2 content review sessions, which take place shortly after the exhibition opening each season to practice leading tours and address outstanding questions
1 Visual Thinking Strategies training in the fall to assist in navigating exchanges with the public

*Attendance for all training sessions, docent walkthroughs, and other requirements is mandatory.

The deadline to apply is Friday, August 5th, 2022