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**GETTY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFER  
305 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS**

*Applications are Now Being Accepted for Opportunities  
in Museums, Film, Literary, Performing, and Visual Arts*

LOS ANGELES—The J. Paul Getty Trust and the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, seeking to introduce young people to a variety of arts-related careers and help develop future cultural leaders, have awarded more than \$1 million to 164 organizations to support 305 summer internships in the arts. The internships provide real work experience at Los Angeles County arts organizations, including museums; film, literary, performing and visual arts organizations; and local arts agencies. Additional educational components for participants focus on career opportunities in the arts.

Interested college undergraduates should apply directly to the arts organizations hosting internships. Information about participating organizations and available positions may be obtained online. For museum and visual arts internships,

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go to the Getty's Web site at [www.getty.edu/grants](http://www.getty.edu/grants). For film, literary and performing arts internships, go to the County's Web site at [www.lacountyarts.org/internops.html](http://www.lacountyarts.org/internops.html).

Los Angeles host organizations (see attached list) receiving support include the American Film Institute, Southern California Asian American Studies Central/Visual Communications, California African American Museum, Jazz Tap Ensemble, Long Beach Symphony, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, Mexican Cultural Institute, and Pasadena Playhouse.

The Getty's Multicultural Undergraduate Internship Program for the visual arts is now in its ninth year. The County program, approved and funded by the Board of Supervisors and administered by the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, is in its second year. The County program is designed to work in parallel to the Getty program by providing opportunities in the performing and literary arts. Film and municipal arts agency opportunities are new in 2001. As part of the partnership, the Getty convenes joint educational and networking activities for the interns.

**The Los Angeles County Arts Internship Program** has awarded \$530,000 to fund 149 film, literary and performing arts, and other arts administration internships at 87 organizations. Students receive a \$3,000 stipend for 10-week internships. Host organizations also receive funds to help cover administrative expenses. Interns gain hands-on experience in a wide range of arts management fields including marketing, fundraising, audience development, public relations, stage management, production, programming, finance, educational outreach and cultural planning. County internships are open to college undergraduates of all races and ethnic backgrounds who either reside in Los Angeles County or attend colleges or universities located in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke noted, "It's vital to develop a pool of topflight arts administrators and other professionals so that L.A. County may continue to expand as a world class center of the arts. This year the County's Arts Internship Program will expand to include local arts agencies, municipal performing arts organizations, and other nonprofit, presenting, or literary arts organizations. I want to commend the County Arts Commission and the Getty for rising to the challenge of providing an environment that will stimulate the development of all the arts in greater Los Angeles."

**The Getty's Multicultural Internship Program** has awarded \$522,400 to fund 156 visual arts internships at 77 organizations. Students receive \$3,000 for 10-week internships, with additional funds awarded to the organizations to offset administrative expenses. Students gain direct experience in such areas as exhibitions, publications, education, and conservation. The program is designed to assist outstanding students in groups traditionally underrepresented in museum and visual arts professions—individuals of African-American, Asian, Latino/Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander descent. Like the Arts Commission program, eligible undergraduates must also either reside in Los Angeles County or be attending Los Angeles-area colleges and universities. Since the Getty program's inception in 1993, more than \$3.8 million has supported over 1,000 multicultural summer internships.

Deborah Marrow, director of the Getty Grant Program and dean for external relations of the J. Paul Getty Trust, commented, "The Getty is very pleased to again join forces with the Los Angeles County Arts Commission to encourage young people to explore the many exciting careers in the arts. The future of our museums, performing, visual arts, and other arts organizations is directly linked to the training of a younger generation for future leadership positions."

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The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission** has fostered excellence, diversity, vitality, and accessibility of the arts in the County since 1947. Through its grants programs, the Commission awarded \$1.9 million to regional nonprofit arts organizations this year in addition to the internship awards. The Commission also produces the Ford Amphitheatre and [INSIDE] THE FORD series, the Los Angeles County Arts Open House and the Los Angeles County Holiday Celebration, and operates a year-round free music program. The Commission launched new program initiatives in folk arts and arts education in 2001. The Commission's budget for the fiscal year 2000–2001 is \$3.8 million.

**The Getty Grant Program** is a part of the J. Paul Getty Trust, an international cultural and philanthropic institution devoted to the visual arts located at the Getty Center in Los Angeles. The Grant Program's multicultural internship grants are one of many types of support offered to institutions and individuals throughout the world. The Grant Program provides crucial support for projects in art history, museum practice, conservation, and other related fields. Since its inception in 1984, the Grant Program has given more than \$100 million to support over 2,400 projects in more than 150 countries. The Getty Trust also includes the J. Paul Getty Museum as well as programs for education, scholarship, and conservation.

