

## 122 PAID SUMMER INTERNSHIPS IN THE ARTS AVAILABLE IN L.A. COUNTY

### Los Angeles County Arts Commission

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### LOS ANGELES COUNTY FUNDS 122 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT 74 ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Los Angeles County, through its Arts Commission, has given grants totaling \$488,000 to 74 performing, literary and media arts organizations throughout Los Angeles County to support paid internships for college undergraduates in summer 2005. Descriptions of and contacts for the 122 internship positions are posted on the Arts Commission's web site at [www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html](http://www.lacountyarts.org/internship.html). Interested undergraduates should apply directly to the organization offering the internship, not the Arts Commission.

College undergraduates either resident in or attending school in Los Angeles County are eligible for the internships. Interns are paid \$350 per week for ten weeks and take part in educational and arts networking activities. Through the program, interns gain a deeper understanding of the work involved in nonprofit arts administration and the role of the arts in a community, and develop business skills that can be put to use in their future careers. Internship host organizations help mold and shape potential new workers in the arts field who may go on to arts leadership positions on staffs, boards or as volunteers.

Examples of County internship experiences include

- an archival intern to work at the Library Foundation of Los Angeles to document the writers who have been presented there;
- an administrative intern to work at Lula Washington Dance Theatre to assist with school and company operations;
- an administrative and production intern to work at the American Film Institute to assist with administrative support to the Vice Dean's office as well as be assigned to work on the production of a film in association with the Directing Workshop for Women;
- a summer theatre intern at the City of Torrance to assist with all aspects of theatre production at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center; and
- a program support intern at the Pasadena Conservatory of music to assist in the preparation and development of program materials for the Summer Piano Institute for piano teachers from Japan.

The **Los Angeles County Arts Commission**, Laura Zucker, Executive Director, provides leadership in cultural services of all disciplines for the largest county in the United States, encompassing 88 municipalities. The Arts Commission provides leadership and staffing to support the regional blueprint for arts education, *Arts for All*; administers a grants program that funds more than 250 nonprofit arts organizations annually; funds the largest arts internship program in the country in conjunction with the Getty Foundation, programs the John Anson Ford Theatres and supports the Los Angeles County Cultural Calendar on ExperienceLA.com. The Commission also produces free community programs, including the L.A. Holiday Celebration broadcast nationally, and a year-round music program that funds more than 60 free concerts each year in public sites. The 2004-2005 President of the Arts Commission is Carlos Barrón.

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