Career Services Internship Testimonial

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Internship at the Federica Schiavo Gallery, Rome

I did my internship at the Federica Schiavo Gallery. Started in 2008, the Federica Schiavo Gallery has quickly become one of the leading international galleries in Rome. They represent young artists from Italy, Europe, and the United States offering visibility both in the gallery and in prestigious art fairs around the world.

The internship requires knowledge of contemporary art, a strong hold of translating from Italian to English, and good writing abilities. The internship encompassed a wide variety of tasks: installing exhibitions; contact with the public, suppliers, curators, journalists, art gallery managers, collectors, and artists; completion of art fair applications; organization of the database and archives; and sending out newsletters and invitations.

While working with the staff, experiences have been very enjoyable. The gallery offered insight on everything that goes on in a gallery setting, from a more artistic side of speaking with artists and curators and writing up press releases, to the more mundane such as organizing paperwork and contacting shipping companies. Whether I end up working in a gallery or not, it’s always good to know how they operate when working with contemporary art, I’m thankful for the opportunity and know the experience will become very useful in the future.

I would recommend this internship to anyone who is interested in contemporary art and isn’t afraid to work hard.