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Mattatuck Museum Announces Summer 2026 Internship Opportunities for Emerging Museum Professionals

WATERBURY, CT – The Mattatuck Museum is pleased to announce paid and unpaid summer internship opportunities for 2026, offering undergraduate and graduate students, as well as recent graduates, the chance to gain hands-on experience in museum work across curatorial and archival departments. As a leading cultural institution in the region, the Mattatuck Museum presents art and local history through a dynamic exhibition program and a collection of approximately 10,000 works of art, design, and material culture. These internships provide meaningful professional development while contributing to important research, collections care, and archival access initiatives.

Curatorial Internship (Exhibition History)

This internship focuses on researching and developing a comprehensive timeline of the Museum's exhibition history, beginning with the opening of its first display hall in 1912. Working alongside the Chief Curator and Archivist/Librarian, the intern will help document the evolution of exhibitions at the Mattatuck Museum, contributing to a deeper understanding of the institution's legacy.

Curatorial Internship (Collections Research)

The Collections Research Intern will work closely with the Chief Curator to research and catalog works from the Museum's collection. Responsibilities include updating records in the Museum's database, Collective Access, and assisting with database cleanup projects. This internship offers valuable experience in collections management and object-based research.

Philip Benevento History Internship

Working with the Museum's Archivist/Librarian, the Benevento Intern will focus on processing and organizing the photo archive of the *Republican-American*, a newspaper serving the greater Waterbury area. Formed from the merger of the *Waterbury American* and the *Waterbury Republican*, the archive spans nearly two centuries of local and national history. The intern will produce a work of original scholarship and create a finding aid to improve public access to this significant resource. The internship is made possible through the generosity of a donor who shared Philip Benevento's passion for history. All internships are paid stipends and offer opportunities for mentorship and exposure to the inner workings of a museum, including possible participation in exhibition planning and installation.

Marketing Internship

The Marketing Internship offers hands-on experience in digital marketing and content creation, including graphic design and short-form video for platforms like Instagram and TikTok. Interns will contribute to real campaigns, build a portfolio of published work, and gain insight into museum communications and audience engagement. This is an unpaid internship, though academic credit may be arranged.

Preference will be given to applicants who live in Waterbury or are current college students in the area.

Application deadline: April 24, 2026

Applicants may apply for more than one internship but must submit separate applications for each position.

To Apply:

Submit a resume and cover letter (as a single PDF) via email.

- Curatorial Internship (Exhibition History): caleb@mattmuseum.org
- Curatorial Internship (Collections Research): rebecca@mattmuseum.org
- Philip Benevento History Internship: caleb@mattmuseum.org
- Social Media & Graphic Design Internship: tanya@mattmuseum.org

Please include the internship title in the subject line of your email.

For more information, visit www.mattmuseum.org/visit/about/job-opportunities/

ABOUT THE MATTATUCK MUSEUM

Located in the heart of downtown Waterbury's architectural district, the Mattatuck Museum is a vibrant destination, known locally and regionally as a community-centered institution of American art and history. The collections at The MATT span the history of American art from the colonial era to the present day with special strengths in Naugatuck Valley history and Connecticut artists, as well as artists from around the world representing the diversity of our community. The collection includes more than 8,000 objects including paintings, unique works on paper, photography and sculpture.

In February 2021, The Mattatuck reopened after a \$9 million renovation project to reimagine the Museum while continuing to be a welcoming, inclusive, stimulating, and enriching community anchor. The "new" Mattatuck Museum, designed by Ann Beha Architects, includes an extensive 14,000 square foot renovation to the existing space and an addition of almost 7,000 square feet to enhance public access, educational programming, collections storage, and exhibitions.

The Museum is operated with support from the Connecticut Department of Economic & Community Development/CT Office of the Arts, which also receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. The Museum is a founding member of the Consortium of Connecticut Art Museums and is a member of the Connecticut Art Trail, a group of 29 world-class museums and historic sites (ctarttrail.org).

The Mattatuck Museum is located on the Green in Waterbury, CT at 144 West Main Street. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays. The Museum offers free, convenient off-street parking directly behind the Museum and in additional lots on Park Place. The Mattatuck Museum website (mattmuseum.org) outlines the Museum's updated guidelines for visitors, including what to expect on your visit, cleaning and safety protocols, and frequently asked questions. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more updates and content.

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