

Applications are due by 5 pm, Thursday, September 28. Please leave at the Visitor Services Desk of the Tang Teaching Museum or email Tom Yoshikami at tyoshika@skidmore.edu.

About the program

The Tang Guides program is a volunteer opportunity that allows Skidmore students from across campus to be involved in the Tang Teaching Museum, to learn about museum education, and to develop the skills needed to lead public tours. After a series of training workshops, students will become part of the Tang Guides team and will be asked to lead public tours of the museum throughout their time at Skidmore.

Tang Guides are required to attend weekly workshops in the fall 2017 semester, where they will become acquainted with the Tang, learn about the connections between museums, education, and social justice, and be trained in ways to use artwork to catalyze conversations with various audiences. In spring of 2018, students will be required to attend occasional training sessions that will familiarize them with new Tang exhibitions before leading tours. Students from all disciplines interested in connecting with visitors and sharing their enthusiasm for the Tang are encouraged to apply.

About the time commitment

In the fall semester, Tang Guides will meet Fridays from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the Tang. Note that this time is tentative. If you cannot make this time do not let that deter you from applying! These training workshops, led by Tang staff, will provide Guides with information and tools on museum education, public speaking, and the Tang so they can lead their own tours of the museum. Workshops will tentatively take place on October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17; and December 1 and 8. Weekly attendance is required. Outside the workshop times, Tang Guides will be expected to do some reading, research, and writing.

In the spring semester, Tang Guides will meet occasionally to learn about the new Tang exhibitions and begin leading their own tours of the museum. After completing the program, students will be asked to lead tours throughout their time at Skidmore.

About the selection process

The Tang is interested in building a team of Tang Guides with a diverse range of backgrounds and interests. Prior experience giving tours is not necessary. Interested applicants must fill out this application and return it via email to Tom Yoshikami at tyoshika@skidmore.edu by 5:00 pm Thursday, **September 28**. We will contact all applicants by Friday, **September 29**.

If you would like more information, please contact Museum Educator for College and Public Programs Tom Yoshikami at tyoshika@skidmore.edu or 518-580-5066.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Name: _____ Year: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. Why would you like to be a Tang Guide?

2. What are you studying at Skidmore and why does it interest you?

3. List any previous experiences (work, volunteer, and hobbies) that you see as relevant to being a Tang Guide.

5. Describe your experience working with people of various ages and cultural backgrounds, and people with disabilities.

6. How did you hear about the Tang Guides program?

7. What else would you like us to know?

I have read and understand the requirements stated in the application, and to the best of my knowledge, my answers are correct and true.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please contact Tom Yoshikami at 518-580-5066 or tyoshika@skidmore.edu with any questions.