

Applications are **due by 5 pm, Thursday, September 19**. Please email a pdf of completed application to Tom Yoshikami at [tyoshika@skidmore.edu](mailto: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 2019 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 2020, 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 3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Tang (with one exception). 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 take place from 3:30 to 5:00 pm on September 27; October 4, 11, 18; November 1, 8, 15, 22; and December 6. In addition, there will be an important meeting Wednesday, October 23 from 6:00-7:30pm. 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](mailto:tyoshika@skidmore.edu) by 5:00 pm Thursday, **September 19**. We will contact all applicants by Monday, **September 23**.

If you would like more information, please contact Assistant Director for Engagement Tom Yoshikami at [tyoshika@skidmore.edu](mailto: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](mailto:tyoshika@skidmore.edu) with any questions.*