

The Jameson Fellowship for American Decorative Arts, 2017-2018

Rice undergraduates and graduate students interested in art history, history or museum studies are invited to apply for the Jameson Fellowship in American Decorative Arts and Painting. The Jameson Fellow will spend the 2017-18 academic year as a researcher at the Bayou Bend Collection of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Bayou Bend, located in the River Oaks section of Houston, is regarded as the best house museum west of the Mississippi, and contains an outstanding array of American painting, sculpture, and decorative arts from the colonial period through the 19th century.

The Jameson Fellow will enroll each semester for a three-credit, history of art course (HART 400/401 and 603/604). The Fellow will spend approximately eight hours per week at the Bayou Bend Collection. During the fall term, the student will concentrate on a project adapted to his/her schedule and interests, and the needs of Bayou Bend. In the spring semester, the Jameson Fellow might spend time in a training course taught at Bayou Bend by the education director and curators of the collection. During both semesters, the fellow will be asked to assist with research, exhibitions, public relations, or other aspects of museum operations.



The stipend for 2017-2018 will be \$13,000. Additional funds (up to \$1,500) are reserved for a research trip during the time of the fellowship. For Jameson Fellows without access to a vehicle, some help could be available to cover part of one's transportation costs during the year.

Qualifications include an excellent academic record and an interest in American art and culture of the 17th through 19th centuries.

Applications should consist of the following:

- A brief (2-3 page) typewritten statement expressing the applicant's willingness to undertake the internship in 2017-2018, stating how the fellowship would enhance your other studies at Rice, plans for graduate school, career goals or general interest in the decorative arts.
- Academic transcripts (official or unofficial)
- One letter of support from a Rice faculty member.

Applications should be sent to the Jameson Fellowship Committee at the Department of Art History (Herring Hall 103, MS-21) no later than Friday, March 24, 2017. Questions may be directed to Professor Joseph Manca (manca@rice.edu or 713-348-3464).

In preparation for applying, it is recommended that students acquaint themselves with Bayou Bend either by visiting (call 713-639-7750 for details or visit: <http://www.mfah.org/visit/bayou-bend-collection-and-gardens/>) or browsing the catalogue of the collection by David Warren, Michael Brown, Emily Ballew Neff, and Elizabeth Anne Coleman, *American Decorative Arts and Paintings in the Bayou Bend Collection* (Houston and Princeton, 1998). This catalogue is available in major bookstores in Houston, including the one in the Museum of Fine Arts, and is found at Rice in the Brown Fine Arts Library (call number NK805 .A675 1998, library use only).