VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Rubin Museum offers volunteers the opportunity to gain exposure to the workings of an art museum and to contribute services to various departments within the Museum. Candidates must be willing to make a long-term commitment to serve as a Rubin Museum volunteer and should have an interest in Himalayan art or museums, a flexible attitude toward working with others, and an understanding that reliability is important.

Family Sundays Volunteer

Program Times: Sundays 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to assist an education staff member with the set-up, clean-up, and facilitation of art-making for Family Sundays. Family Sundays are a drop-in style program offering family-friendly art activities Museum. Skills Required: Maturity, ability to interact with the public and with children, ability to follow the lead of teacher and ability to stand for extended periods of time.

Theatre Hosts

Program times: Wednesdays 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; Saturdays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Duties include placing museum materials on all theater tables, opening theater and collecting tickets from program patrons and answering general museum questions. Skills Required: Maturity, ability to interact with the public, and ability to stand for extended periods of time.

Rubin Museum’s Summer Block Party

This is the Rubin Museum’s largest event of the year. Volunteers can join in the fun and make the day special for thousands of New York City students and families. The Rubin’s Block Party volunteers help from 10:30 AM orientation to 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 21 2019. Volunteers will help at art-making tables, coordinate the flow of the performers and guests, and facilitate set-up and breakdown of the event. We provide lunch and snacks.

Losar Family Day Himalayan New Year Celebration

Lunar New Year is a time for families! Join us for an afternoon of art, crafts, and music to celebrate Losar, the Himalayan New Year. Volunteers needed to assist education staff member with set-up, clean-up, and facilitation of art-making for this fun festive celebration.

More information about the 2020 event to come

Himalayan Heritage Group Volunteer

The Himalayan Heritage is a monthly program dedicated to providing opportunities, programming, and access to the Himalayan community and friends in the New York City area. Volunteers will assist in building and maintaining relationships with various individuals, community groups and organizations, maintain and expand our contact database, and provide administrative and artistic support in hosting our events. Himalayan Heritage Group events meet
on the first Wednesday of every month. Volunteers should have an interest in Himalayan culture and/or community outreach. Conversant in Tibetan or another Himalayan language and experience and/or ties with Himalayan and related communities in the New York City area a plus.

Email volunteersandinterns@rubinmuseum.org to learn more.

Benefits for Volunteers

In appreciation of their dedication, all active volunteers receive the following benefits:

- Free Museum admission for volunteer and one guest
- 10% discount on food and drink at Cafe Serai
- 25% discount on most shop items at the Shop
- Free admission to many Museum programs when available
- 10% discount on select Museum programs
- 25% discount on gift memberships
- Invitation to an annual appreciation event

Volunteer Docent Program

The Volunteer Docent Program at the Rubin Museum of Art facilitates a connection between museum visitors and Asian art. By providing people with engaging, informative experiences in the galleries, the Volunteer Docent Program encourages visitors to look and think deeply while exploring the arts, culture, religion, and iconography of Tibet, India, the Himalayas, and surrounding regions. Through research and intensive training the Volunteer Docent program organizes and presents thematic gallery tours, gallery talks and other educational initiatives, and roaming educators on gallery floors. With this unique approach in mind, it is the mission of the museum to see that every visitor gains some insight and understanding of the exhibitions through the informed presence of the Volunteer Docents. Learn more.

The Volunteer Docent Program is currently accepting applications.

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