

ACJC Internship

The Arts Council of Johnson County seeks an upper-level undergraduate (college junior or senior) or early/recent graduate student for a 10-week internship. The intern will work with ACJC staff and a small advisory team of arts and communications professionals, including Kansas Arts Commission staff, to develop a new Arts Story Bank. The purpose of the Story Bank will be to collect and share stories about the impact of arts and creativity. The intern will help develop the overall scope of the project including, mission of the project, stories to include, project phases, platform to host the project, budget, and phases of development. The new Arts Story Bank will also be a pilot project for a bigger Kansas Arts Story Bank. The intern will also help us develop a strategy to scale the project to include a statewide reach.

The intent of the Arts Story Bank project will be to include stories about the arts from advocates, community members, artists, and arts organizations in Johnson County. Ideally, these stories will help us communicate the social and economic impact of arts and culture in our communities - work that will also complement our cultural asset map project.

The internship is supported in part by the Kansas Arts Commission and University of Missouri Extension Office.

Arts Council of Johnson County

The Arts Council of Johnson County enhances the quality of life in Johnson County by strengthening the Arts. ACJC's mission guides our work and so do our core values: community, creativity, quality of life and stewardship:

- Our programs, convenings and advocacy have a responsibility to contribute to a more diverse, connected, and inclusive community.
- The power of creativity inspires, innovates, and opens us to new perspectives of how we view ourselves, share ideas, and solve problems.
- The arts are essential to the health and well-being of our community, strengthen our economy, and ensure an equitable quality of life.
- Inclusive and collaborative stewardship nurtures and grows our creative industries for future generations.

The ACJC board and staff participated in workshops in 2019 to help us learn and implement strategies around building a more equitable, diverse, and inclusive organization. Our core values guide our work and actions.

What We Do

- Advocate for policies that strengthen the Arts in Johnson County and the metro area
- Champion Arts learning opportunities for all ages
- Amplify Johnson County's voice in the broader metropolitan area Arts discussions
- Contribute to the growth of the Arts within the 21 municipalities of Johnson County

We invite highly motivated, collaborative, proactive, and energetic individuals to gain experience in the following:

- Firsthand arts advocacy and administration, working with artists, arts institutions, and community members.
- Assisting with collecting impact stories about the creative industries in Johnson County and across Kansas.
- Ethical story collection; engaging diverse publics and boosting inclusivity.
- Assisting with identification of additional arts assets and story collection to utilize cultural asset mapping as a tool in strength-based community development, visibility, funding, etc.
- Collaborating to develop a framework for the new story bank including project phases, timeline and strategy to expand the project.

Commitment: 10-15 hours a week for 10 weeks - approximately June through August.

This internship requires a 10-week time commitment with 10-15 hours a week of work. The position is hybrid. Some local travel may be required. Mileage will be reimbursed. The Arts Council of Johnson County will provide a \$3,000 stipend.

Students in the arts (music, theater, dance, visual arts, graphic design, etc.), the humanities (English, history, museum studies, etc.), communications, journalism, and related fields are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Arts Council of Johnson County is a nonprofit organization and provides equal employment opportunities to all qualified applicants without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, color, age, religion, protected veteran or disability status, or genetic information.

To Apply

Interested applicants who are juniors or seniors in college or early or recent graduate student should submit a current resume or CV that lists relevant courses, a cover letter, and a writing sample (preferably written for a general audience) to sarah@artsjoco.org. Please include Internship in the email subject line

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2024