

# Cover Letter

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Philip L. Smythe  
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Dear Mr. Smythe,

I am writing to inquire about internship opportunities this summer at the Museum of Photographic Arts. As a student of Art History at Humboldt State University, I hope to gain academic credit towards a Museum Certificate through an internship with MOPA.

My interest in photography started with coursework as a student at Pomona High School. Class trips to MOPA were often planned by our instructor, and I came to appreciate photography as an art form through your exhibitions. When I reached the university level at CSU Humboldt, I enrolled in a film history course covering the topic from its beginnings to 1950, further cementing my interest in the celluloid art medium.

Currently enrolled in a *Museum and Gallery Practices* course, I have learned the functions of each department of the art museum, and applied the knowledge to the installation of exhibitions in a local gallery. This course material, and my love for the history of art, has encouraged me to seek a career in museum work. Although my goals are not yet narrowed down to a specific department of interest, I would like to gain experience in the Exhibitions/Curatorial, Library or Collection management areas. I have an immense desire to work in the museum field, and am hoping to nurture that interest with practical experience.

This summer, I will be returning home to Pomona and will be available to work full or part-time. Although I am currently in northern California, spring break will allow me to be in the Los Angeles area during the week of March 14<sup>th</sup>. May I meet you in person to discuss the possibility of interning at the Museum of Photographic Arts? I will give you a call next week to request an appointment.

Sincerely,

Joshua Bently