

## DOCENT PROGRAM

Docents are an important extension of the museum's educational and curatorial outreach to engage the public about historical and contemporary design and provide both public and private tours of our exhibitions.

Through discussions with designers, curators, museum educators and interpretation staff, docents will become highly knowledgeable in Design Education and Design Process through the lens of current exhibitions and design history. Public tours serve to introduce design as well as encourage questions and discussion around poignant and relevant topics. Trainings and workshops throughout the year will hone skills in public engagement and inquiry so that tours are adaptable and responsive to audiences.

### Applicant Directions

Please submit application materials to [chtours2@si.edu](mailto:chtours2@si.edu)

Subject Line: 2017 Docent Application\_Last Name

Attached:

- Completed Application Form
- Resume
- Cover Letter (please answer the three questions in your cover letter)
  1. Explain your understanding of the difference between Art and Design.
  2. Describe your interest in becoming a docent at Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.
  3. What interests, skills and experiences would you bring to the Docent team?
- Design Writing Prompt: Browse the Cooper Hewitt Collection online. Select two objects. Imagine you are leading a tour. Describe how you would start a conversation that connects the two objects through the lens of design. (500 word maximum).

**Application deadline: November 12, 2017**

Important Note: Training will begin the week of **December 4, 2017**. Attendance at this training is required.



## APPLICATION FORM

### Contact Information

Name:	Home Phone:
Address line 1:	Cell Phone:
Address line 2:	Email:

### Commitment

- 4 tours public and/or private tours per month
- Volunteer at least one Saturday or Sunday 2 times a year (if weekends are not part of your regular availability).

### Availability

Please "x" all the days that you are available to lead tours as a docent.  
Preference will be given to Friday and Weekend availability.

Sunday	
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

#### **PUBLIC TOUR SCHEDULES:**

WEEKDAYS 11:30AM, 1:30PM

WEEKENDS 1:00PM, 3:00PM

#### **PRIVATE TOURS ARE OFFERED:**

WEEKDAYS 3:00PM, 4:00PM

WEEKENDS 10:15AM, 11:15AM

### Benefits

- Discount of 30% in The Shop and at Tarallucci E Vino Café
- Complimentary admission to Education lectures (Admission based on program availability); member discount for one additional guest and for smaller scale Education programs (e.g. workshops).
- Free or discounted admission to dozens of NYC museums

### Languages

Often we have international visitors who request tours in other languages.  
Are you fluent and comfortable giving tours in any additional languages?

Language(s):

Proficiency Level:

