# Cooper hewitt design guide

Design guides are an important extension of Cooper Hewitt’s mission to educate, inspire, and empower people through design, providing both public and private tours of our exhibitions and supporting education outreach programs.

Through discussions with designers, curators, and museum educators, design guides will be immersed in design education and the design thinking process through the lens of current exhibitions and design history. Throughout the year, trainings will hone skills in public engagement and inquiry, supporting tours that are adaptable and responsive to audiences.

## Benefits

* Hone skills in presentation and public speaking
* Build understanding and facility with design objects and design thinking process
* Educate diverse audiences through object-based learning, inquiry, and storytelling
* Develop skills to increase accessibility in the museum’s galleries, such as verbal description and touch tours
* Receive 30% discount in The Shop and at Tarallucci E Vino Café
* Attend complimentary Education lectures (admission based on program availability)
* Free or discounted admission to dozens of NYC museums

## Qualifications and Requirements

* Bachelor degree or currently enrolled in a degree program
* Deliver 4 tours per month and cover 4 weekend tour dates annually
* Attend 9 of 12 monthly training sessions

## Directions to apply

**Email your application** materials to [chtours2@si.edu](mailto:chtours2@si.edu) with the subject line: 2018 Education Volunteer, [Last Name]

**Attach** the following documents:

* Completed Application Form
* Resume
* Cover Letter (please address the below topics)
  + Explain your understanding of the difference between Art and Design
  + Describe your interest in becoming a volunteer at Cooper Hewitt and the skills you hope to gain from this experience
  + Indicate your interests, skills, and experience with teaching or education

## Application deadline – September 1, 2018

*Important Note: Trainings will be held on the last Friday of each month from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and will begin September 28. Orientation training for new guides will take place the week of October 1. Attendance at this and all other trainings is required.*

# Application Form

## Contact information

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| --- | --- |
| Name: | Home Phone: |
| Email: | Cell Phone: |

## Languages

We often host international visitors who request tours in other languages. Are you comfortable giving tours in any languages in addition to English?

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| Language(s): | Proficiency Level: |
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## Schedule Availability

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| Sunday |  |
| Monday |  |
| Tuesday |  |
| Wednesday |  |
| Thursday |  |
| Friday |  |
| Saturday |  |

Please us an “x” to indicate all the days that you are regularly available to lead tours as a volunteer:

Volunteer shifts are scheduled on a monthly basis and additional volunteer   
opportunities are offered as available and may include nights and weekends.   
  
Current tour schedule:

**Public Tours:**

Weekdays 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Weekends 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**Private Tours:**

Varies

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