Andrew W. Mellon Academic Engagement Fellow

The University of Miami Libraries (UML) and Lowe Art Museum offer a post-graduate academic engagement fellowship for a 4-year term beginning June 1, 2017. Reporting to the UM Libraries’ Associate Dean of Learning and Research Services, with a matrix reporting relationship to the Director of the Lowe Art Museum, the Andrew W. Mellon Academic Engagement Fellow will work closely with senior leadership teams of both the University of Miami’s Libraries and Lowe Art Museum (“UMLLAM”). The incumbent will also work with a broad range of faculty, instructors, and students to build programmatic bridges between UMLLAM and their constituents both on the University’s three campuses and throughout the local community. S/he will do so by engaging with key stakeholders as well as UMLLAM’s extensive collections to develop and implement projects centered on object-based learning, interdisciplinary cross-curricular teaching, and deep intra-institutional collaboration.

The Andrew W. Mellon Academic Engagement Fellow will also be expected to leverage technology to maximize the reach and impact of the engagement activities with which s/he is involved. Success in this position will require expertise in building and maintaining relationships with a diverse range of faculty, staff, and volunteers and a facility for navigating university hierarchies. The ideal candidate will possess a demonstrated commitment to object-centered learning and advanced skills in planning and implementing collection-based projects in course curricula and the use of library and museum galleries as alternate classroom spaces. S/he will also excel at facilitating collaboration with multiple constituencies toward positive outcomes for all stakeholders. The Fellow is expected to conduct an annual public lecture and carry out a publishable capstone research project.

Key outcomes for this position include connecting faculty and students as well as external audiences with UMLLAM’s cultural resources while also ensuring that the latter are effectively used to further the UMLLAM’s educational missions.

This Fellowship is made possible thanks to a generous grant awarded to the University of Miami by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant is dedicated to fostering collaboration between the Lowe Art Museum and University of Miami Libraries through their shared effort to further faculty engagement with historical and artistic collections. In addition to supporting postgraduate fellowships in campus engagement and the conservation of art and archival works on paper, it establishes a programming fund to incentivize faculty to engage with University collections and enable the development of joint public programs that highlight these collections.

MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

- Master’s degree
- A minimum of 1-3 years of progressive experience in the museum or library education field, with relevant experience in education/interpretation, public programming, and visitor engagement
- Track record of developing and implementing collaborative programs in an art museum, library, or other collections-based organization
- Experience working directly with faculty members to connect students with museum resources

UNIVERSITY: The University of Miami is one of the nation’s leading research universities in a community of extraordinary diversity and international vitality. The University is privately supported, non-sectarian institution,
located in Coral Gables, Florida, on a 260-acre subtropical campus. The University comprises 11 degree granting schools and colleges, including Architecture, Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Communication, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Music, Nursing, and Marine and Atmospheric Science (www.miami.edu). The UM community includes approximately 10,849 undergraduates, 5,952 graduate students, and 15,091 full and part time faculty and staff.

THE LOWE ART MUSEUM: The Lowe Art Museum (www.miami.edu/lowe) is located on the campus of the University of Miami at 1301 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, Florida. With a permanent collection of 19,000 objects spanning 5,000 years of world culture, the Lowe is committed to serving as a vital resource for education and enrichment through art. Its dynamic permanent and temporary exhibitions establish the Lowe as a keeper of memories, a showcase for masterworks, an igniter of awe and wonder, and a bridge between yesterday and today.

THE LIBRARY: The University of Miami Libraries (library.miami.edu) provide faculty, students, researchers, and staff with the highest quality access to collections and information resources in support of the University's mission to transform lives through research, teaching, and service. The Libraries rank among the top research libraries in North America with a collection of over 3.75 million volumes and 104,330 current serials titles, including 102,726 electronic journals. The Otto G. Richter Library lies in the center of the Coral Gables campus and serves as the central library for the University. Other University of Miami libraries include the Paul Buisson Architecture Library, the Judi Prokop Newman Business Information Resource Center, the Marta & Austin Weeks Music Library, and Rosenstiel Marine and Atmospheric Science Library. The University also has independent medical and law libraries.

SALARY AND BENEFITS: Compensation will be competitive and commensurate with experience and qualifications. This is a non-tenure track faculty appointment at the Librarian Assistant or Associate Professor rank. The position offers a comprehensive benefits package including: TIAA-CREF; medical and dental insurance; life, disability, and long-term care insurance available; tuition remission; 13 paid holidays; and 22 days annual vacation. Additional employment benefits available include credit union; Employee Assistance Program; bookstore, and sporting event discounts; optional fee-based membership in a state-of-the-art wellness center, and no state or local income taxes.

APPLICATIONS: Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. On-line applications should be submitted here and must include a letter of interest, curriculum vitae and the names of three references.

The University of Miami is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer. The University has a strong commitment to diversity and encourages applications from candidates of diverse cultural backgrounds.