

The Museum of Modern Art Job Posting

Assistant Conservation Scientist | The David Booth Conservation Department

About The David Booth Conservation Department Scientific Program

The scientific program in the David Booth Conservation Department at The Museum of Modern Art is committed to the research, care, and understanding of MoMA's collection, namely twentieth and twenty-first century materials and the techniques used that pertain to works in the collection. This includes technical analysis, development of improved processes and materials for conservation treatment, and participation in collection care and preventive conservation programs.

The Conservation Science section works in partnership with the Conservation team and collaborates with colleagues and departments across the Museum, including Building Operations, Curatorial Affairs, Collection Management and Exhibition Registration, Education, and Exhibition Planning and Design. It also participates with Conservation to assist in reviewing and adjusting MoMA's operations to reach a more sustainable practice. In summary, Conservation Science is critical to all aspects of the Museum's daily work in caring for and exhibiting the collection.

We are currently seeking applications for an Assistant Conservation Scientist. Reporting to the Sally and Michael Gordon Conservation Scientist and the Agnes Gund Chief Conservator, the Assistant Conservation Scientist conducts scientific research and analysis, including supporting analytical studies within the Conservation department.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Develops research and work priorities, goals, and agendas with fellow department members.
- Conducts scientific research and analysis, including supporting analytical studies within the Conservation department.
- Participates in all departmental activities, including acquisition, preparation of works for exhibition, collection care, loans, and research.
- Follows Museum documentation protocols to properly index, archive, and store data.
- Provides data, analysis, and interpretation of results while working collaboratively across departments at the Museum, including Building Operations, Curatorial Affairs, Collection Management and Exhibition Registration, Education, and Exhibition Planning and Design to support collection care and preventive conservation activities throughout the Museum.
- Supports monitoring of the galleries and storage areas in close concert with Building Operation colleagues.
- Participates in the education, documentation, and training of health and safety standards and protocols across the Conservation department.
- Supports day to day running and maintenance of the Conservation Science laboratory and all of its analytical equipment. This includes writing and updating standard operating procedures.
- Assists in the training and mentorship of Fellows and Interns.
- Conveys results and findings to both conservation and scientific communities, and translates scientific research to convey it to non-technical audiences.
- Writes articles for publication, gives professional talks and contributes to the Museum's program in audience engagement.
- Adheres to the AIC Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice.
- Performs any other duties reasonably related to the functions described above.

Requirements:

- PhD in chemistry, physical science, or material science and engineering.
- Two years of scientific research experience in a museum setting preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to, and knowledge of issues related to the conservation of cultural heritage.
- Laboratory experience with the range of analytical instrumentation applied to materials relating to identification, characterization and imaging techniques, together with experience in statistical analysis of data.
- Strong interpersonal and written communication skills.
- An interest in supporting sustainable practice both within conservation and across all aspects of the Museum.
- Ability to communicate the subject matter of scientific research to a non-technical or non-professional audience.
- Fully vaccinated with a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and/or the World Health Organization authorized vaccine (or approved for an exemption as a reasonable accommodation due to a qualified disability or sincerely held religious belief or other legal basis).

Application instructions: Candidates should apply online at [MoMA Jobs](#). In addition to your resume please submit a detailed letter of interest, inclusion of a writing sample, and three references by no later than April 17, 2022 12:00 PM. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Salary: \$83,550 per annum

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