



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS / 2012 Cole Fellowship

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site (TCNHS) is now reviewing applications for fellows to participate in the research and interpretation of the work, home, and studio of Thomas Cole (1801 – 1848). Three applicants will be selected to join the site from May 30 – October 31, 2012.

The Thomas Cole National Historic Site (TCNHS) preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first art movement. Cole's profound influence on America's cultural landscape inspires us to engage broad audiences through educational programs that are relevant today. TCNHS consists of Thomas Cole's c. 1815 Federal-era brick home, his 1839 studio, and other historic structures on five landscaped acres with magnificent views of the Catskill Mountains.

Through a combination of research and interpretation projects, Cole Fellows have a unique opportunity to gain significant professional experience in museum management and art historical research.

Selected candidates will have the opportunity to:

- + Conduct in-depth research that leads to a major project or paper based on her/his work over the season.
- + Lead tours of the historic site and have full engagement in interpretive programming.
- + Guide audience evaluations and interviews
- + Work closely with Cole Director, Collection Manager, and Education and Programs Coordinator on various projects that may include collection care and research, educational programming, and special events.
- + Participate in staff meetings and learn about the structural, strategic, and creative decisions involved in the day to day operations of a historic house museum.
- + Make field trips to area museums and historic venues, meet other museum professionals, participate in presentations and readings, and benefit from professional development opportunities, including resume review, and next step planning for each Fellow based on individual interests and career goals.

Free housing at the site is provided, as well as a modest monthly stipend. *Fellows are responsible for utilities, food, and other living expenses. Participation for the entire season, from, May 30 – October 31, is required.*

Qualifications: The TCNHS seeks self-motivated recent graduates, graduating college seniors, and graduate students who have expressed a commitment to pursue careers in history, art, material culture, decorative arts, collection and exhibition management, research, museum studies, and/or education. Applicants should be organized, energetic, have a passion for art and ideas, and an affinity for working with the public. *A car is not required but helpful, as Catskill is in a rural area along the Hudson River.*

How to Apply: APPLICATIONS will be accepted through FEBRUARY 28TH, *Interviews with potential candidates are on-going now.* To be considered, please send a cover letter describing your interests and goals, a complete resume (include the names and contact info for 3 references), and a writing sample (2 to 10 pages) to: Kate Menconeri, Collection & Exhibition Manager: kmenconeri@thomascole.org (PDF files only) or via mail attn: Kate, Thomas Cole National Historic Site, 218 Spring St. PO Box 426, Catskill, NY 12414. For questions email above or call: 518-943-7465 x 2. *For general information about Thomas Cole National Historic Site, upcoming programming and exhibitions, and future events, please visit www.thomascole.org.*