



## Hayward Internships at Southbank Centre - Fact Sheet

### Who are we?

Southbank Centre is the UK's largest arts centre, occupying a 21-acre site that sits in the midst of London's most vibrant cultural quarter on the South Bank of the Thames. The site has an extraordinary creative and architectural history stretching back to the 1951 *Festival of Britain*.

Southbank Centre is home to the Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room and The Hayward as well as The Saison Poetry Library and the Arts Council Collection. The Royal Festival Hall reopened in June 2007 following the major refurbishment of the Hall and redevelopment of the surrounding area and facilities.

Southbank Centre's wide-ranging programme - classical & world music, rock & pop, jazz, dance, literature and the visual arts - attracts the most diverse audience of any UK venue.

### The Hayward

**The Hayward** is the heart of the visual arts at Southbank Centre. The gallery opened in 1968, and is one of the largest and most versatile exhibition spaces in Britain, renowned for its diverse range of exhibitions focusing on contemporary, modern art and visual culture.

**Hayward Touring** exhibitions tour to galleries, museums and other publicly funded venues throughout Britain. Each year exhibitions of contemporary and modern art are seen by approximately half a million people in 100 towns and cities.

**The Arts Council Collection** is the largest loan collection of modern and contemporary British art in the world. The collection is managed by The Hayward, Southbank Centre on behalf of Arts Council England and is based both in London and at Longside, Yorkshire Sculpture Park.

The Hayward internship programme at Southbank Centre is an opportunity for students and graduates to join the exhibitions department in any one of these areas for a placement of up to three months.

### What can you expect from us?

Our aim at Southbank Centre is to offer internships that centre on personal development and the opportunity to gain valuable experience, both for the person doing the placement and for the organisation. We believe that the experiences gained from doing a placement with us can play a key role in shaping someone's future, either by helping them make career choices or by opening up job opportunities, and therefore we thrive to offer these placements in a fair and transparent manner and in a way that is guided by our diversity objectives.

### Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people who are hoping to gain much needed experience in the area of the Internship and who have a related course of study, experience or interest in the departments offering the placements. We are also looking for people who have an interest in discovering what it is like to work for an Arts organisation and who are enthusiastic and eager to learn – and who we can learn from too!



### **What will an Internship in our Exhibitions department involve?**

We can offer you a wonderful opportunity to work in one of Southbank Centre's key departments, and to get involved in activities that support the overall artistic vision.

We are looking for an intern for each of the 3 areas of our Exhibitions team, ***The Hayward Exhibitions team, Hayward Touring team*** and the ***Arts Council Collection team***, these placements will give you the opportunity to become an active member of these busy and efficient teams; give you insight and involvement in our exhibition or collection activities and general experience in supporting the team and its operations.

### **What other benefits are there?**

These internships are voluntary, so we are not able to pay you a salary; we will compensate travel expenses within London up to specified sum, more details available on the placement briefs. There will be free entry to the Hayward exhibitions and there may also be opportunities to attend some of our other events.

### **What would we expect from you?**

You will be prepared to commit to a 3 month placement, working an agreed number of days dependant on the internship offered.

### **How to apply?**

We run 4 internships a year for our exhibitions department, each placement being 3 months long in duration.

All applications will be considered for all 3 internship places available so you must be prepared to work in any one of the 3 areas.

We will advertise the internship on our website, on each occasion, so please refer to the placement briefs for further details once they are posted.

We regret that we are unable to accept speculative CV's sent outside of these advertising periods, so please wait until the adverts are posted otherwise your application will not be accepted.

### **What is the application process?**

We will short list all application forms received by the closing date, against the criteria outlined in the placement brief. Successful applicants will be invited to an interview and some relevant testing for the placement may also be undertaken at interview stage.

For further information please contact [workplacement@southbankcentre.co.uk](mailto:workplacement@southbankcentre.co.uk)

***Southbank Centre is striving to promote equality and diversity.***