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The University of California, Berkeley, is one of the world's leading institutions of higher education, distinguished by its combination of internationally recognized academic and research excellence; the transformative opportunity it provides to a large and diverse student body; its public mission and

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commitment to equity and social justice; and its roots in the California experience, animated by such values as innovation, questioning the status quo, and respect for the environment and nature. Since its founding in 1868, Berkeley has fueled a perpetual renaissance, generating unparalleled intellectual, economic and social value in California, the United States and the world.

We are looking for equity-minded applicants who represent the full diversity of California and who demonstrate a sensitivity to and understanding of the diverse academic, socioeconomic, cultural, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds present in our community. When you join the team at Berkeley, you can expect to be part of an inclusive, innovative and equity-focused community that approaches higher education as a matter of social justice that requires broad collaboration among faculty, staff, students and community partners. In deciding whether to apply for a position at Berkeley, you are strongly encouraged to consider whether your values align with our [Guiding Values and Principles](#), our [Principles of Community](#), and our [Strategic Plan](#).

At UC Berkeley, we believe that learning is a fundamental part of working, and our goal is for everyone on the Berkeley campus to feel supported and equipped to realize their full potential. We actively support this by providing all of our staff employees with at least 80 hours (10 days) of paid time per year to engage in professional development activities. To find out more about how you can grow your career at UC Berkeley, visit grow.berkeley.edu.

Departmental Overview

One of the nation's leading university museums, the University of California, Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA) is a forum for cultural experiences that transform individuals and advance the local, national, and global discourse on art and film. BAMPFA is uniquely dedicated to art and film in equal measure, presenting more than three hundred film screenings, dozens of public programs, and more than fifteen exhibitions annually. BAMPFA takes a contemporary and critical perspective on its wide-ranging collections. BAMPFA's collection includes more than 18,000 films and videos, representing the largest collection of Japanese cinema outside of Japan and impressive holdings of Soviet cinema, West Coast avant-garde film, and seminal video art, as well as hundreds of thousands of articles, reviews, posters, and other ephemera related to the history of film. Founded as the University Art Museum in 1970 and initially housed in a Brutalist structure designed by Mario Ciampi, BAMPFA relocated in 2016 to a new purpose-built facility designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro in the heart of downtown Berkeley. The museum's curatorial strategies reflect the rich diversity of the UC Berkeley campus and the greater Bay Area through programming that is interdisciplinary, intergenerational, and international in scope. A locally connected, globally relevant institution, BAMPFA is deeply dedicated to its role as an educational space for UC Berkeley scholars and the general

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public. It fulfills this mission with three distinguished study centers-the James Cahill Asian Art Study Center, the Film Library and Study Center, and the Florence Helzel Works on Paper Study Center-as well as a range of collaborations with the university's academic departments and student organizations.

Position Summary

BAMPFA's Film Curator plays a key artistic role in making the museum a dynamic site for innovative film and time-based media as part of programming the Barbro Osher Theater and, on occasion, the BAMPFA galleries. The Film Curator is a full-time position within the Film Department and reports to the Senior Curator/Head of Film. The Film Curator may oversee a Curatorial Assistant or Assistant/Associate Curator. The Film Curator forges strong interdisciplinary connections and draws upon the unique context and resources of UC Berkeley and the surrounding community, including its renowned faculty, departments, and schools by curating ongoing screen series for the Barbro Osher Theater, and developing other cinema-related programming. The Film Curator develops an expansive program with a global perspective, and a commitment to DEIB, that ranges from Hollywood to Nollywood, from classic to alternative genres, and from traditional film to experimental video. The Film Curator creates synergies between the museum, the campus, and the broadly defined film community locally, nationally, and internationally.

Application Review Date

The First Review Date for this job is 11/18/2024

Responsibilities

- Conducts academic research on film, and presents research results.
- Conceives and implements a quarterly film program; researches and selects films and organizes associated programs based on aesthetic merit; relevance to teaching and learning at UC Berkeley, and connections to BAMPFA's mission and through lines.
- Travels for research and scholarship.
- Curates exhibitions and programs.
- Provides artistic leadership for BAMPFA's film programming, assuring a balanced and expansive program that presents film and other time-based media across genres, from classic to experimental, with a global perspective.
- Writes film notes and other text for scholarly or marketing publications.
- Maintains ongoing active professional relationships (i.e. film curators, film writers, directors, producers, actors, etc.) in the film community.
- Travels to film festivals internationally to view films and meet with industry professionals.

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- Presents films in the Barbro Osher theater.
- Hosts presenting filmmakers, directors, producers, and film world luminaries.
- Participates in panels, talks and lectures.
- Works closely with the BAMPFA education department to create and implement public programs in support of BAMPFA film series.
- Represents the museum at scholarly, public, and donor events.
- Generates knowledge germane to the study of film and other time-based media through exhibitions, programming, research, publications, and the development of public programs.
- Cultivates financial support and donations for programs.
- May have administrative, collection management, or registration responsibilities.
- May supervise lower-level curators, students and interns.
- Recommends objects for acquisition, deaccession and conservation/preservation.
- Cultivates financial support and donations of objects, collections, and collection care.

Required Qualifications

- Specialization in an area of film history and standard museum curatorial practices.
- Knowledge of film collection building/connoisseurship, ethical and legal standards for acquisition, and of the current market.
- Knowledge of selection, evaluation, and exhibition of film and video.
- Knowledge of the principles of conservation/preservation.
- Donor cultivation and relationship building skills.
- Skills in scholarly research and writing scholarly publications.
- Advanced degree in related area and/or equivalent experience/training.

Salary & Benefits

This is a 100% full-time (40 hrs a week) exempt career position, which is paid monthly and eligible for UC Benefits.

For information on the comprehensive benefits package offered by the University, please visit the University of California's [Compensation & Benefits](#) website.

Under California law, the University of California, Berkeley is required to provide a reasonable estimate of the compensation range for this role and should not offer a salary outside of the range posted in this job announcement. This range takes into account the wide range of factors that are considered in

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making compensation decisions including but not limited to experience, skills, knowledge, abilities, education, licensure and certifications, analysis of internal equity, and other business and organizational needs. It is not typical for an individual to be offered a salary at or near the top of the range for a position. Salary offers are determined based on final candidate qualifications and experience.

The budgeted annual salary that the University reasonably expects to pay for this position is \$95,000.00 - \$120,000.00.

How to Apply

- To apply, please submit your resume and cover letter.

Other Information

- This is not a visa opportunity.
- This recruitment has 2 openings.
- This position is eligible for up to 20% remote work. Exact arrangements are determined in partnership with your supervisor to meet role responsibilities and department needs, and are subject to change.

Conviction History Background

This is a designated position requiring fingerprinting and a background check due to the nature of the job responsibilities. Berkeley does hire people with conviction histories and reviews information received in the context of the job responsibilities. The University reserves the right to make employment contingent upon successful completion of the background check.

Equal Employment Opportunity

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