



CAREER OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

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| Title: | Advancement Officer |
| Job Type: | Full-time (exempt) |
| Hours: | Generally 40-45 hours per week; includes some nights and weekends |
| Location: | Dubuque, Iowa |
| Compensation: | DuMA offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including health insurance, paid vacation, and flextime. See Salary and Benefits section for further details. |

INTRODUCTION

The Dubuque Museum of Art (DuMA) seeks a talented fundraising professional to join our staff during an exciting period of momentum and growth in our programs, community engagement, and operations.

ABOUT THE DUBUQUE MUSEUM OF ART

DuMA's mission is to create engaging art experiences that excite, inspire, and connect our community.

Established in 1874, DuMA is among Iowa's oldest cultural organizations. Since opening an award-winning, remodeled facility in downtown Dubuque in 1999, DuMA has expanded its permanent collections to include over 2,600 objects, including internationally-recognized works by Grant Wood and Edward S. Curtis. In addition, DuMA regularly hosts and presents juried, curated, and traveling exhibitions, featuring locally, regionally, and nationally-recognized artists, and offers a diverse array of youth and adult art education programs, outreach activities, and special events.

Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums since 2004, DuMA is a Smithsonian Affiliate and a member of the Midwest and Iowa Museums Associations.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Advancement Officer is responsible for the planning and execution of a comprehensive annual giving program. This position will focus on strategically building and maintaining a robust pipeline of annual programs with the goal of retaining and expanding philanthropic support. The Advancement Officer will oversee all annual giving appeals, including membership, and will be responsible for developing and implementing tactical communication plans. This position will work in conjunction with the Director of Advancement to optimize philanthropic support for the Dubuque Museum of Art.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

Working closely with the Director of Advancement, volunteers and appropriate committees, the Advancement Officer will assume the following responsibilities:

Annual Giving:

- Execute annual giving plan that prioritizes streamlined donor and member communications, employs targeted annual appeals and drives, and identifies opportunities for strategic events
- Actively identify, cultivate, solicit, and steward individual members and donors and corporate entities to build a robust prospect pipeline in the \$1-\$20,000 range
- Develop and process gift solicitation and fulfillment materials, including annual appeals, membership solicitation and renewals, and gift acknowledgment letters
- Build and maintain positive working relationships with staff, members, and donors

Campaign Coordination:

- Serve as a front-line fundraiser able to ascertain donor priorities and pivot between cultivating annual operating support and campaign contributions
- Facilitate cross-departmental capital campaign activations including communications and messaging to external stakeholders in partnership with the Marketing Manager
- Complete focused donor research and prospect cultivation for the capital campaign
- Track capital campaign pledges, pledge reminders, and invoices

Development Operations:

- Continually monitor and update constituent records to ensure accuracy and proper recording of gifts; collaborate with finance staff to reconcile database on a quarterly basis
- Provide timely and accurate data from the database for reports, mailings, and projects
- Collaborate with the Director of Advancement to establish benchmarks and regular reporting processes to measure results of all annual giving activities
- Provide administrative support for the Director of Advancement

Event Coordination:

- Plan and execute development events
- Serve as liaison between departments to ensure all Museum programming is appropriately utilized for cultivation and stewardship
- Lead in the production of the museum's annual Gala
- Assist with execution of capital campaign related fundraising events

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- A minimum of two years of experience successfully increasing annual giving
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to write and speak clearly and persuasively
- Working knowledge of volunteer management, fundraising, donor relations and public relations concepts, principles, procedures and techniques
- Ability to collect, organize and analyze data related to donor giving

- Strong interpersonal communication and relationship abilities
- Tactfulness and discretion with confidential and privileged information
- Strategic and goal-oriented, with attention to detail and execution
- Proficiency in Salesforce or comparable donor database
- A strong sense of personal accountability and responsibility for his/her actions and performance
- Working knowledge of and adherence to the Association of Fundraising Professionals Code of Ethics

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

- Must possess a valid driver's license and means of personal transportation
- Ability to work evening and weekend hours
- Ability to sit or stand for extended periods
- Ability to read, write and speak English proficiently
- Intermediate to advanced computer skills, including a high degree of familiarity with Microsoft Office applications (Word and Excel)

SALARY AND BENEFITS

DuMA offers a competitive salary and benefits package, including health insurance, paid vacation, and generous flextime policy. The starting salary for this position is commensurate with experience; however, an expected salary would be in the range of \$59,000 annually.

SUPERVISION

Reports to: Director of Advancement

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

All offers of employment are conditioned upon a background check and 90-day probationary employment period.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, current CV/résumé, and a minimum of three professional references to hr@dbqart.org. No calls please.

(Note: References will only be contacted at the finalist stage and with the candidate's prior consent.)

The Dubuque Museum of Art is an equal opportunity employer. We are committed to equal treatment of all employees without regard to race, national origin, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, physical or mental disability or other basis protected by law.