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Scripps College Receives Getty Foundation Grant for Three Full-Time Internships

Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery Awarded Maximum Number of Funded Internships for 27th Consecutive Year

CLAREMONT, CA (16 April 2019)—For the 27th consecutive year, the Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery at Scripps College has received a Getty Foundation grant to fund three full-time summer internships, the maximum number awarded each year through the Getty Marrow Undergraduate Internship program. The internships will focus on curation, collection and conservation, and visual resources.

The Getty Marrow Undergraduate Internship program in Los Angeles supports full-time summer work for college students from backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in the arts, aiming to increase diversity in the visual arts and museum professions. Originally titled the Multicultural Undergraduate Internship program, the program was renamed late last year to honor the retirement of long-time Getty Foundation Director Deborah Marrow, who launched the program in 1993. Since its inception, 161 local arts institutions have hosted over 3,300 student internships.

Professor of Art History Mary MacNaughton, the Gabrielle Jungels-Winkler Director of the Ruth Chandler Williamson Gallery, says that internships such as those provided by the Getty Foundation prepare Scripps students for graduate school and careers in the visual arts. Former internship recipient Winona Bechtle, graduate of the class of 2014, went on to earn a master's degree in arts management from Claremont Graduate University, and is now the director of development and community relations at the Bob Baker Marionette Theater in Los Angeles. Abby Rodriguez, class of 2016, who interned at the National Air and Space Museum, will be entering a master's program in art conservation through the Winterthur/University of Delaware program.

“We are honored to participate again in this extraordinary program and to offer internships for students interested in learning best museum practices, including organizing exhibitions, preparing publications, and caring for art collections,” MacNaughton said.

Scripps College was founded in 1926 by Ellen Browning Scripps, a pioneering philanthropist and influential figure in the worlds of education, publishing, and women's rights. Today, Scripps is a nationally top-ranked liberal arts college and women's college with approximately 980 students and is a member of The Claremont Colleges in Southern California. The mission of Scripps College is to educate women to develop their intellects and talents through active



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participation in a community of scholars, so that as graduates they may contribute to society through public and private lives of leadership, service, integrity, and creativity.