

Valentine Intern Feedback  
2015-2016

**How did your internship experience impact your career goals?**

*"The Valentine is like a family; I appreciated getting to know people from each department and it felt very welcomed. I know it may not be the same at other smaller institutions, but I will now look for that same kind of openness as I apply for jobs in the spring."*

*"It allowed me to learn a little bit about myself and realize I am capable of more than I sometimes think."*

*"My experience made me a 100% more efficient individual, in so many ways. I have a tendency to do things the difficult way, and this internship showed me how to make tasks easier to accomplish. This internship is also such a resumé builder! Not only do I put my internship on my resumé but the valuable skills that I learned as well."*

*"It didn't affect my career goals as I had already committed to pursuing museum education at this point in time, but it did provide me with nice, meaty projects that contributed substantially to my CV and subsequent job interviews."*

**What was the most rewarding part about interning at the Valentine?**

*"I was lucky to intern during the preparation for the Grand Reopening, and watching all that come together and putting on successful events was the most rewarding part for me."*

*"The lasting relationship I made with the institution and the people."*

*"I felt more like a colleague and less like an intern, which gave me a better sense of what it was actually like to work in a museum setting."*

*"Sally Bell's! More seriously, the wonderful people and the exposure to a number of different aspects of the museum"*

**What tips would you give a future Valentine applicant or intern (about the application, interview process or internship)?**

*"The interview was more formal than I realized it was going to be so I would come very prepared."*

*"Enjoy it. Get to know the small staff because it makes the experience a lot of fun. The size of the organization also provides a unique learning experience because everyone has roles and responsibilities outside of their official title. But you learn more about what's needed for the organization to function smoothly."*

*"Have an idea of what you want to learn. Have an idea about where you're headed professionally. The Val staff will do an amazing job of honoring those intentions and do their best to provide you opportunities to gain relevant experience."*

*"Attend any meeting you are invited to, or ask to sit in, regardless of whether or not it involves the specific project you are working on."*

