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GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM IS ONE OF TEN INSTITUTIONS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN PAID ART MUSEUM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—February 20, 2022 (Santa Fe, NM)—The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum announced today that it has been selected as one of 10 North American museums to participate in the Association of Art Museum Directors' (AAMD) paid internship program for college students from underrepresented communities. Focused on students who are in their sophomore, junior, or senior years, the program will provide an opportunity for students who have begun to solidify their academic interests and potential career path to get hands-on experience in an art museum for 12 weeks during the summer of 2022, while earning a stipend of \$6,300.

At the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, the internship will focus on projects in audience research, investigating what visitors are seeking to learn about O'Keeffe when they visit the Museum. The intern will also work closely with a member of the Museum's leadership team throughout their 12 weeks, developing a mentoring relationship to ensure there are opportunities for conversation, feedback, direction, and questions, as well as longer-term career advice. In addition to the stipend, the selected intern will be provided with two networking and professional development opportunities as well to meet their fellow interns from other institutions. More information and application details are available at okeeffemuseum.org.

AAMD's internship program was planned and launched in 2018, with the first group of interns completing their programs in spring and summer 2019. Now in its third year, this program is one of a number of steps taken to increase equity and diversity in the field, where research has consistently shown that fewer than 20% of leadership positions are held by people of color.

About AAMD

The Association of Art Museum Directors advances the profession by cultivating leadership capabilities of directors, advocating for the field, and fostering excellence in art museums. An agile, issues-driven organization, AAMD has three desired outcomes: engagement, leadership, and shared learning. Further information about AAMD's professional practice guidelines and position papers is available at <u>www.aamd.org</u>.

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ABOUT THE GEORGIA O'KEEFFE MUSEUM

Since 1997, the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum has shared the art, life, and story of Georgia O'Keeffe with visitors from around the world. Located in New Mexico, where Georgia O'Keeffe lived the final decades of her life, the O'Keeffe has sites and experiences in two historic destinations, Santa Fe and Abiquiú. For more information, please visit okeeffemuseum.org.

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