Have you ever wanted to curate your own museum exhibit? The Institute of Arts and Humanities and the UC San Diego Library’s Special Collections & Archives are offering a curatorial opportunity that will allow you to present your own exhibit in Geisel Library.

Special Collections & Archives holds rare books, manuscripts, and artwork spanning multiple genres and topics. Some of the subject highlights include: Early Pacific Voyages; Culinary History of the Americas; Experimental American Poetry; California, San Diego, & the History of the West; Baja California; Renaissance Literature; Oceanography & Marine Science; Spanish Civil War; Melanesian Anthropology; Contemporary History of Science & Technology; and History of UC San Diego. You can also work with the library’s extensive visual arts collections. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Library’s Special Collections & Archives before applying to generate ideas for the proposed project.

- Students whose submissions are accepted will enroll for course credit in their home department for two quarters (Independent Study or Group Study in Fall 2019 and Winter 2020). To receive 2 units of academic credit per quarter, each student is expected to complete an average of 5 hours of work per week during each quarter.
- Students will receive general direction from Library staff and meet with their faculty advisors periodically throughout the Fall and Winter quarters for general oversight and input.
- The final project will be an exhibition on display for a full quarter in the Library in Spring 2020. The student curator(s) will participate in the exhibit launch event and faculty advisors will be invited.

Eligibility

- Applications are invited from UCSD undergraduate students with majors or minors in the Arts & Humanities. Students may apply individually or as a team.
- Students must be eligible to enroll in a 198 or 199 course (have completed 90 units with at least a 2.5 GPA before Fall Quarter 2019). After award notifications, students will need to submit this form: https://students.ucsd.edu/_files/registrar/special-studies-form197-198-199_6-13-2014.pdf

Application Instructions

Applications should be a maximum of two pages, 12-point font, single-spaced. Applications should include the following:
1. Name
2. Major
3. Minor (if applicable)
4. Proposed Faculty Mentor(s) – this does not have to be confirmed at the time of application
5. Description of the proposed project
   a. The topic you intend to exhibit
   b. The story you intend to tell the audience
   c. What kind of objects you hope to display (books, art, photographs, etc.)
   d. Which collection(s) you are interested in using

Please send the application and any questions to Katherine Levy at iah@ucsd.edu with a subject line, “Undergraduate Curating”.