



# VOLUNTEER IN SPARK!LAB

The Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History is recruiting **volunteers (called Ambassadors)** to work with museum visitors in **Spark!Lab**, its hands-on invention space for children and families.

Spark!Lab Ambassadors will play an active role in:

- **Facilitating Meaningful Visitor Experiences:** welcoming a diverse group of visitors and engaging in inquiry-based discovery at a variety of hands-on activity stations; using creative methods to inspire and encourage children's and family's interest in the invention process.
- **Assisting daily facility operations in Spark!Lab:** getting the space and hands on activities ready for visitor use; helping with some routine maintenance necessary to keep the innovation and imagination flowing!

## If You are Good at and Enjoy...

- tinkering, experimenting, asking questions, constructing and deconstructing things to figure out how they work...
- interacting with diverse audiences, age groups and learning styles...
- working in an often busy and changing environment...

## If You Have...

- some experience working in a hands-on, informal education space...
- strong interpersonal and communication skills...
- an interest in invention, history and science...

## If You are Able to...

- commit to at least two 4-hour shifts a month, (weekends and holidays available)...
- handle frequent walking, standing, bending and lifting....

...Then please request an application from Laurel Miller, Interpretive Exhibit Manager [MillerL@si.edu](mailto:MillerL@si.edu) or 202.633.7304. Applicants must be **17 years or older**, are subject to a **background check** and be able to commit to at least **one year of service**.

The next training session begins **Saturday, February 25, 2017**. For more information please visit [www.invention.si.edu](http://www.invention.si.edu) or contact Laurel.

**The Smithsonian is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women, minorities, people with disabilities, and candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.**