

Coast Salish Curatorial Assistant

1 Full-time position (19 weeks) (Auxiliary status)

MONOVA: Museum of North Vancouver is seeking an energetic, conscientious individual to fulfill an internship and provide assistance to the Exhibits and Programs team for a period of 19 weeks.

MONOVA will be opening its new location in the Shipyards District in 2021. This is an exciting opportunity for Coast Salish youth to learn about curatorial work in a dynamic museum setting and conduct research on Coast Salish topics and belongings. MONOVA has a collection of over 10,000 historic objects, including ones related to the early town sites, the development of the waterfront and the shipbuilding industry, outdoor recreation, municipal transportation, local First Nation activities, and notable citizens. MONOVA has formalized relationships with local First Nations and is working to decolonize, including working with an Indigenous Voices Advisory Committee and Indigenous cultural advisors and staff members.

The Position:

The Coast Salish Curatorial Assistant Intern will assist with researching, developing, and delivering exhibits and programs. Coast Salish youth are strongly encouraged to apply. The goal of this position is to develop ways for Coast Salish Nations in the area to represent their own history and culture in concert with cultural institutions.

Specific Duties:

- Working with MONOVA staff and Indigenous Voices Advisory Committee to research Coast Salish content for exhibits and programs
- Researching Coast Salish belongings and photographs for exhibits and programs
- Working with Indigenous Cultural Programmers to plan, develop, learn, and evaluate program content for delivery in the Museum, in the communities, and online.

Preferred Skills and Knowledge:

- Completed undergraduate degree or certificate in an area appropriate to this position such as: Education, History, Archaeology, Museum Studies, Anthropology, First Nations Studies, or Library, Archival or Information Studies.
- Interest and some knowledge in local and First Nations history, museum exhibits and collections.
- Other qualifications include an interest in material culture and in museum or archives work, a degree of computer literacy, ability to maintain accuracy under pressure and deadlines, effective interpersonal and organizational skills, and excellent written and spoken English language skills.
- Criminal Record Check may be required.

Wage: \$21.69 plus 12% in lieu of benefits (non-union)

Work week: 30 hrs/week (4x7.5 hr days)

Term: 22 November 2021 to 31 March 2022 (19 work weeks).

Work Sites: Museum of North Vancouver (115 W Esplanade) and Archives of North Vancouver (3203 Institute Road)

Application Deadline: Friday November 5, 2021.

Please submit résumé and covering letter by e-mail to info@monova.ca, specifying “Coast Salish Curatorial Assistant Position” and your name in the subject line. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

This position is funded in part via Young Canada Works Building Careers in Heritage program of the Department of Canadian Heritage, administered through the Canadian Museums Association. Position is subject to receipt of funding. Candidates must be registered on the Young Canada Works website and meet all eligibility criteria to be considered for this position:

- are a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada (non-Canadians holding temporary work visas or awaiting permanent status are not eligible);
- are legally entitled to work in Canada;
- are between 16 and 30 years of age at the start of employment;
- are willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment;
- will not have another full-time job (over 30 hours a week) while employed with the program;
- are unemployed or underemployed;
- are a college or university graduate; and
- are not receiving Employment Insurance (EI) benefits while employed with the program.

PLEASE CONFIRM IN YOUR APPLICATION THAT YOU HAVE READ AND MEET THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. Visit www.young-canada-works.ca for particulars.

The North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission is an equal opportunity employer. Coast Salish youth are strongly encouraged to apply.