



Job Opportunity: Summer Conservation Technician (YCW)

Pending approval of funding, the Museum of Vancouver is seeking a **Summer Conservation Technician** to assist with a rehousing and treatment of vulnerable artefacts in the Museum of Vancouver's collection comprised of Indigenous belongings from across what is now called Canada and parts of the United States.

This temporary full-time position is funded in part by the Young Canada Works employment initiative, a joint venture of the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Parks Canada Agency.

The mission of the Museum of Vancouver is to inspire a deeper understanding of Vancouver through stories, objects and shared experiences. An independent, non-profit organization, MOV first began collecting in 1894 and is now Canada's largest civic museum.

The Museum of Vancouver is located on the unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) and Sḵwəxwú7mesh (Squamish) Nations, at the site of the ancestral Village of Señákw – neighbouring the current Sḵwəxwú7mesh reserve of the same name.

Description of the position

The successful candidate will participate in an artefact storage and condition upgrade of vulnerable artefacts in storage. Key responsibilities include:

- Building mounts and rehousing objects using archival materials
- Researching materials and techniques of artefacts
- Simple conservation treatments such as vacuuming and cleaning objects
- Cataloguing, photography and condition reporting artefacts
- Assisting conservator in install/deinstall of temporary exhibits
- Assisting conservator with preventive conservation tasks including environmental readings and integrated pest management
- Assisting with other museum tasks as needed

Qualifications and Experience

- At least two years of post-secondary education in a related field (Museum Studies, First Nations Studies, History, Industrial Design, Sculpture or Other Fine Arts)
- Superior manual dexterity
- Written and oral communication skills in English
- Be detail oriented, possess an eye for the aesthetically pleasing, be comfortable in a fast-paced multi-faceted organization, and have enthusiasm for both museums and collections
- Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit and Metis) students are encouraged to apply. Awareness and sensitivity to issues concerning Indigenous and other originating communities' collections is required.
- Previous experience in museum or archives, including object handling is an asset
- Previous experience involving mount making is an asset
- Knowledge of cultural conservation or chemistry is an asset



Eligibility

- Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada; Note: Non-Canadian students holding temporary work visas or awaiting permanent status are not eligible
- Be legally entitled to work in Canada
- Be between 16 and 30 years of age at the start of employment
- Be willing to commit to a work assignment lasting for 15 weeks
- Not have another full-time job (over 30 hours a week) while employed with YCW
- Have been a full-time student (as defined by your educational institution) in the semester preceding the YCW job
- Intend to return to full-time studies in the semester following the YCW job

Hours and Remuneration

Hourly Rate: \$16.75 per hour +8% in lieu of benefits and statutory holidays

Hours of work: 35 hours regular work week Monday to Friday

Start Date: May 11, 2021

End Date: Aug 31, 2021

Note: Students with a disability are eligible for part-time work

How To Apply

Please apply in writing with a resume and cover letter to the attention of Fiona Hernandez, Conservator at:

fhernandez@museumofvancouver.ca

Deadline for application: April 18, 2021

The Museum of Vancouver strives for equity and diversity. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been marginalized on any grounds enumerated under the B.C. Human Rights Code, including sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, racialization, disability, and identification as an Indigenous person.

Regretfully, only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.