

Youth Employment Opportunity: Heritage Interpreter

Duration of employment: summer 2021, anticipated start date, Tuesday, May 18 Rate of pay: \$15.50 / hour Application deadline: Sunday, April 25th

Due to the current unpredictable climate related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Heritage Interpreter position will be adjusted based upon current circumstances. The candidate will need to be flexible and adaptable in their delivery of interpretive programs. Technological skills will be highly considered in the selection of candidates for the position. All precautions will be taken to ensure the successful candidate will work in a safe environment, and ensure the health and safety of others.

Project goals:

To deliver interpretive programs related to the history of central and northern Vancouver Island.

Responsibilities:

Under the direction of the Curator & Education Manager, the Heritage Interpreter will be responsible for:

- Delivery of a varied schedule of interpretive programs: including demonstrations and workshops of historical tools and crafts, puppet theatre performances, storytelling, and guided tours of the galleries, outdoor exhibits, and grounds of the Haig-Brown Heritage Site.
- Research and development of new interpretive programs.
- Assisting with advertising and promotion of the programs.
- Maintenance of artifacts, equipment and records used in delivering the interpretive programs.
- Assist in the coordination of volunteer staff involved in program delivery.

Qualifications:

- University students under the age of 30 who were registered as full-time students in the previous semester and who intend to return to full time studies in the fall.
- An outgoing personality with good public speaking skills and an ability to work well with people of all ages.
- Familiarity and/or an interest in the colonial, social, industrial and First Nations history of the area.
- Good writing, computer, and communication skills.
- Theatre or teaching experience an asset.

Training and Skill Development Provided:

The successful candidates will:

- Gain practical experience and training in the areas of: education and teaching in a museum setting, public program development and co-ordination, and historical research.
- Expand their knowledge and understanding of First Nations history, early European settlement and the industrial history of central and northern Vancouver Island.
- Refine and develop their public speaking skills and presentation techniques.
- Receive training and experience in developing promotional materials.
- Work within a supportive and encouraging team environment with an enthusiastic and professional staff. Students in history, anthropology, First Nations studies, geography, education, museum studies, communications and theatre will find relevant application of their academic training in this position.

Note: This position is conditional upon funding. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

In order to apply candidates must be registered in the Young Canada Works Inventory at <u>https://young-canada-works.canada.ca</u> Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to <u>beth.boyce@crmuseum.ca</u>. **Application deadline is April 25th, 2021.**