

Conservation Intern

The Kelowna Museums Society is located on the unceded territory of the Syilx/Okanagan people in the heart of the Okanagan Valley. The Society's mandate is "to promote a greater interest and awareness of the natural, cultural and military heritages of the Okanagan region and of the tree fruit and wine industries of British Columbia." Our mission is "to provide the public with educational exhibitions and programs that foster personal participation, stimulate curiosity, and engage the senses with the cultures, histories, and possibilities of the Okanagan region." Our vision is to inspire a community to be alive with its history – connecting people and place.

The Conservation Intern is actively involved in assisting the institution in upholding professional standards in the preservation and conservation of its artefact collections. The Intern will be tasked with executing preventative conservation measures as well as completing conservation treatments on a variety of material types, and will help support the Society's reconciliation and repatriation goals. The Conservation Intern will work in the Ursula Surtees Regional Conservation Laboratory, a state-of-the-art facility located on the ground floor of the Okanagan Heritage Museum. Opportunities to learn and practice new skills and techniques will be provided throughout the internship. This is a unique opportunity to work behind the scenes at a fascinating, fun and exciting institution.

Main Duties:

- Clean, repair and stabilize artefacts
- Provide archival storage enclosures for artefacts, and make custom enclosures where necessary
- Update inventory and collections records in the PastPerfect database
- Prepare objects for exhibition
- Prepare objects for repatriation
- Assist with delivering conservation workshops
- Manage and analyze environmental readings using light, humidity and temperature monitors
- Occasionally assist other museum departments
- General museum duties as required, including occasional front desk coverage

Requirements:

The intern must have successfully completed post-secondary school training in a recognized artefact conservation training program.

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including practice public speaking
- Attention to detail
- Strong research and computer skills (intermediate level at minimum)
- Flexible, highly organized and self-motivated
- Ability to work independently and as a team member
- Ability to work in different environments
- Eager to learn new skills and acquire new knowledge
- Demonstrates cultural sensitivity
- Maintains health and safety standards
- Satisfactory criminal record check

Pay scale: \$20.48/hr

Duration: Full time (35 hrs/week for 10 months) May 2, 2023 to March 2, 2024

The Kelowna Museums Society is committed to providing a safe, respectful, inclusive, and healthy work environment. Please apply to hr@kelownamuseums.ca by April 28, 2023

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