



PAID INTERNSHIP POSTING: CURATORIAL INTERN

Note: This position is funded through Young Canada Works Building Careers in Heritage. You must be registered in the Young Canada Works at www.youngcanadaworks.ca and meet all the eligibility requirements defined by YCW Building Careers in Heritage program.

Start date: September 4, 2023

End date: March 6, 2024

Monday to Friday: 9 AM to 5 PM

\$20.00 per hour

40 hours per week

27 Weeks

LEIGHTON ART CENTRE

The Leighton Art Centre is a designated Alberta Historic Resource located 15 km south of Calgary, Alberta. It is the former home of 20th Century artists and arts educators A.C. and Barbara Leighton and includes a museum, galleries, shop, outdoor trails, and education center. We are a rural location; a reliable vehicle is required.

POSITION OVERVIEW

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Curatorial Intern is an integral member of the Leighton Art Centre Team and ensures best museum practices are implemented at the Leighton Art Centre. The Curatorial Intern must be a self-starter, organized, dependable and have a passion for art, history, and nature. The successful candidate will complete an archiving project, collections management, research, and exhibition development.

Archives: Over the years the LAC has amassed a large body of documents going back to the Centre's inception in 1974. Many of these documents are significant records relating to the formative years of the LAC. Examples include exhibition invitations, news clippings, advertisements, press releases, program brochures, artist biographies, correspondences, records of ownership, artist portfolios, submissions, and program/exhibition documentation. The Curatorial Intern will execute a historical records project to organize and digitize relevant documents. These records will become accessible and searchable for future research. These records may also be included in physical and online exhibitions at the LAC and beyond.

Collections: The Curatorial Intern will become familiar with the LAC collection, which is comprised of items made and owned by Barbara and A.C. Leighton. The Curatorial Intern will conduct a thorough inventory to ensure all records are up to date. They review collections policy and assess potential donations for inclusion into the collection. The Curatorial Intern will use their knowledge of the collection to develop physical and online exhibitions at the LAC and beyond.

Research: The Curatorial Intern will conduct research on the lives and legacies of Barbara and A.C. Leighton. It is our responsibility to communicate the history of the LAC within a larger colonial context. The Curatorial Intern will work with local Elders and Indigenous teachers to shape our ongoing programming and procedures, and to ensure we're meeting our responsibilities as a conduit for knowledge, stewardship, and change.

Exhibitions: Using the knowledge gained through archives, collections, and research, the Curatorial Intern will curate and co-curate exhibitions for the LAC's physical spaces and online. The Curatorial Intern will participate in every aspect of exhibition development including concept development, selecting artworks and artifacts, developing text panels and communications strategies, production, and installation.

The ideal candidate:

- Will have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in museum studies, art history, curatorial studies, or history.
- Will have undertaken independent research or curatorial projects within or beyond their program of study.
- Understands Canada's colonial histories and its legacies as they relate to art and craft.
- Will be self-motivated and hard-working with keen communications and problem-solving skills.
- Must be a Canadian graduate, legally entitled to work in Canada. You must be registered in the Young Canada Works at www.youngcanadaworks.ca and meet all the eligibility requirements defined by YCW Building Careers in Heritage program.

Additional competencies include:

- Excellent computer and organizational skills.
- Ability to take initiative and pay attention to detail.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills are a requirement.
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resumé to Christina Cuthbertson via email: christinac@leightoncentre.org.

Deadline to apply is August 18, 2023.

We thank all applicants for their interest. Only eligible candidates considered for an interview will be contacted.