

Exhibition Curator Job Posting

Employment Type: Full-time, 1-year contract

THE BATA SHOE MUSEUM TORONTO

With an international collection of close to 15,000 shoes and related artifacts, the Bata Shoe Museum (BSM) celebrates 4,500 years of footwear history in four distinctive galleries. In addition to our popular semi-permanent exhibition, *All About Shoes*, the Museum has three galleries for changing exhibitions, ensuring that each visit to the museum offers a new experience. Currently on view are *Dolls: Fashioning Cultural Expectations*; *The Great Divide: Footwear in the Age of Enlightenment* and *Future Now: Virtual Sneakers to Cutting-Edge Kicks*. Through the creation of its innovative exhibitions, the BSM strives to enlighten and entertain visitors of all ages. Further information on the museum is available at www.batashoemuseum.ca or [@batashoemuseum](https://twitter.com/batashoemuseum).

1) THE ROLE

As Exhibition Curator, you will join two BSM curators to co-create an exhibition about the history of beadwork and footwear around the world. The exhibition will feature over 50 artifacts, and will cover the history and circulation of beadwork in around of the world with a focus on beaded footwear from the 18th to the early 20th century. The exhibition is scheduled to open in April 2023 and will run until October 2024.

As the Exhibition Curator, you will:

- Focus on researching the history and use of beadwork on Indigenous North American footwear
- Work with curatorial and conservation team to select artifacts appropriate for display
- Work with curatorial team to create interpretive plan for gallery which includes determining clear learning outcomes for exhibit, and the best methods for display and interpretation
- Select images and other media appropriate for display
- Write exhibition gallery text
- Assist in the exhibition management of the gallery
- Train docents on gallery content
- Answer media inquiries about the exhibition
- Present on and do programming about the exhibition

2) REPORTING

The Exhibition Curator will report to the Director & Senior Curator.

3) HOURS

Hours are 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday. During the ongoing COVID pandemic, the candidate may be asked to work remotely.

4) COMPENSATION

Salary \$70,000

5) CANDIDATE SPECIFICATION

The desirable candidate will have:

- A degree, certificate or equivalent experience in history, art history, anthropology or related field and/or Traditional knowledge about Indigenous fashion or history
- Minimum 3-5 years of experience conducting research on topics related to Indigenous arts and culture, or direct knowledge and experience of Indigenous arts and culture
- Minimum 3-5 years of experience discussing or writing about Indigenous arts and culture
- Experience working with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers or Cultural Advisors
- Strong written communication skills
- The ability to think quickly, flexibly, and creatively
- Proven experience meeting tight deadlines
- The ability to work in a team setting with individuals who come from a variety of cultural backgrounds and experiences
- A desire to learn about the social and cultural history of footwear

Desirable but non-essential attributes include:

- Experience working in a small organization
- Experience creating labels and interpretive materials for exhibits in museums or other cultural settings
- Familiarity with the non-for-profit sector, arts and culture museum collections
- Knowledge of fashion history
- Knowledge of diversity and inclusion principles and how they relate to museums

Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to Curator and Manager of Exhibitions, Nishi Bassi at nishi@batashoemuseum.ca.

Deadline for applications is 5:00pm on Friday August 19, 2022. **We would like to thank all applicants, however, please note that only those selected to attend an interview will be contacted.**

The Bata Shoe Museum is proud to be an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and we remain committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees. We select applicants based on their skills, knowledge and commitment. We also recognize that candidates may request accommodations in order to participate to the best of their abilities. As per provincial and national human rights guidelines, reasonable workplace accommodations and

adjustments will be granted