

CURATORIAL FELLOW – NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVE

Position Type: Year-round, Full-time, Fixed Term

Salary: \$50,000/Year

Department: Curatorial

Reports to: Associate Curator of Native American Art

Shelburne Museum seeks a Curatorial Fellow for a period of two years, roughly July 2025 – June 2027. The Fellow will contribute to the Perry Center for Native American Art, a purpose-built exhibition and collections housing building on the Museum campus, expected to open to the public in the Fall of 2026. The selected Fellow will work with the Curatorial and Education departments to develop exhibition content and related programming, with a particular emphasis on sharing aspects of Indigenous spirituality with the public in a respectful manner.

The Native American collections at Shelburne Museum are comprised of historic works from across the continent. An artist-in-residence program, scheduled to begin in 2026, as well as selected contemporary loans and commissions, will also provide the opportunity to work with contemporary Indigenous art and artists. Candidates with expertise within specific fields of Indigenous art/history are welcome to identify those in their statement of interest. Shelburne Museum is committed to the repatriation of appropriate items and will not require the Fellow to work with any items that violate their own cultural protocol.

The successful candidate will be an early career professional with an interest in the museum field. Both candidates considering graduate school in the future and those with community-based experience who do not intend to pursue formal education are encouraged to apply. Specific job duties and structure will be tailored to the planned projects and successful candidate's skills and career goals.

Duties & Responsibilities:

- Co-curate a portion of a Perry Center exhibition that addresses questions of Indigenous spirituality, including an interactive educational component.
- Create two online programs or virtual exhibitions.
- Manage logistics for the artist residency program and exhibition consultant committees.
- Partner with members of the Education department in the design and implementation of public engagement programs.
- Other curatorial and education related tasks as necessary.

Recommended Qualifications:

- Interest in a museum career, especially pertaining to Indigenous art and culture, decolonization/Indigenization, repatriation, and/or museum education
- Experience working with Indigenous communities, particularly artists and culture bearers
- Sensitivity regarding fraught histories and Indigenous ceremony. The ability to work with Indigenous consultants, including respect for cultural protocol and confidentiality when required
- Excellent oral, written, and problem-solving skills

- Proven project management, time management, and organizational skills
- Ability to work both independently and as a member of a collaborative, interdepartmental team
- Experience with Microsoft Office including Teams, Excel, and Word
- Experience promoting accessibility and/or inclusion within a community or institution
- Reliable transportation to commute to and from our location

The Curatorial Fellow is a temporary full-time, exempt position, based at the administrative offices in Shelburne, Vermont. The job requires the ability to work on a computer for long periods of time. Work schedule is Monday – Friday, hours varying. Weekend and evening hours may be required.

Compensation and Benefits:

Full Museum benefits package including health, dental and generous paid time off. Spectacular working environment; committed, friendly co-workers; discount at the Museum Store and Café; passes to the museum to share with friends and family; and reciprocal benefits at regional museums and attractions. Opportunities for professional development will also be available.

To apply:

Applications are due by Friday, April 25th, 2025. To apply, send a statement of interest (between 500 and 1000 words) and resume to HR@shelburnemuseum.org.

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