



MACKENZIE ART GALLERY

engaging people in transformative experiences of the world through art

Job Title: Curatorial Research Assistant

Department: Curatorial

Status: Full Time, Casual/Hourly Term June 3, 2019 – August 23, 2019 Non-Union Position (35 hours / week or 7 hours / day) Funded through Young Canada Works.

About the MacKenzie Art Gallery:

The MacKenzie Art Gallery (MAG) is Saskatchewan's oldest and most comprehensive art museum, serving a leadership role in Western Canada. This is a watershed moment in the history of the Gallery, as it is undergoing a multi-phase organizational transformation. Programming primarily contemporary art from the prairies, Canada and abroad, the MAG addresses an encyclopedic range of visual art and culture and is an international leader in Indigenous art. Housed within an over 115,000ft² facility, maintained to Class A Museum standards, the MAG permanent collection spans 5000 years of art with nearly 5000 works. MAG was founded on the collection of its namesake, Norman MacKenzie (1869–1936), who bequeathed his collection to the University of Saskatchewan (Regina College), now the University of Regina.

Opening in 1953 in the first purpose-built art gallery building in western Canada, the MacKenzie enjoys a nationally unique partnership with the University of Regina. After separating in 1990, and moving to its current premises, MAG now maintains separate board governance, site and an expansive mandate and quarters in the T.C. (Tommy) Douglas Building. The MAG features an outdoor sculpture garden with potential for growth through loans, acquisitions and commissions. The MAG is situated in Treaty Four territory, traditional land of the Cree, Saulteaux and Metis, and home to the Dakota, Nakota and Lakota peoples. The MAG is located on the edge of the 2300-acre Wascana Centre, the largest urban park in Canada. Wascana Centre (1962) was designed by renowned modernist architect Minoru Yamasaki, designer of the original World Trade Center in New York, and is a living artifact of modernist design heritage.

Primary Purpose: The Curatorial Research Assistant position is designed to assist students in gaining the exhibition research, writing and production skills necessary for curatorial research and/or assistant curator positions in contemporary art galleries and museums and contribute to further employment in the heritage sector. Past students have gone to graduate work and curatorial positions nationally and internationally.

Nature of Work: The mission of the MacKenzie Art Gallery is to engage people in transformative experiences in the world through art. The Curatorial Department plays an integral role in the delivery of this mission by leading the research, development, and organization of curatorial activities related to exhibitions, publications, public programs and acquisitions. Reporting to the Head Curator, the Curatorial Research Assistant will assist the Curators of the Gallery with on-going research in preparation for upcoming exhibitions

Accountabilities:

- Ongoing research in preparation for the following upcoming exhibitions and curatorial programs:
 - Research and write bibliographies and biographies for the artists involved in the *Initiative for Indigenous Futures*, *Kampelmacher Memorial Collection*, and *Permanent Collection Exhibition*, and *Conceptions of White* projects.
 - Research catalogue photography.
 - Written materials for exhibitions and acquisitions (didactics, acquisition rationales etc.)
 - Exhibition and collections management forms (loan agreements, artist contracts etc.)
 - Database entries for loans and acquisitions.
 - Exhibition floor plans.

Qualifications - Education: A post-secondary student, preferably in the third or fourth year in the BA or BFA program in Art or Art History.

Skills: Exhibition research, writing, and production skills necessary for curatorial research; highly organized and self-motivated; ability to prioritize deadlines; strong team player with the ability to work independently, collaboratively, and within a team environment; exceptional written communications skills; knowledge of online databases and graphics programs as asset; ability to find creative solutions to problems and manage responsibility under tight deadlines; must be between 16 and 30 years of age; must be registering as a full-time post-secondary student (intending to return to full-time studies).

The MacKenzie Art Gallery is committed to maintaining an inclusive culture and building a diverse workforce that includes women, Aboriginal, Inuit and Métis peoples, persons with disabilities and members of visible minorities who have traditionally been and are currently underrepresented in the Canadian workforce. We welcome applications from all qualified candidates.

Salary Information: \$16.50 / hour (Non-Union)

HOW TO APPLY

Please apply no later than Friday, April 26, 2019, 4:30 PM.

Applications should be emailed to:

Email: jackie.martin@mackenzieartgallery.ca

Please include "Curatorial Assistant" in the subject line of all applications sent via email.

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