



Indigenous Project Researcher

May 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022

Position Description: The researcher is responsible for investigating and evaluating historical research material and translating beliefs and knowledge into museum content and programs.

Nature of Work:

Reporting to the Manager/Curator, the Researcher will complete the necessary background research to develop museum display panels and multimedia programs relating to Indigenous people (with a specific focus on the Metis people) from pre-contact to 1905. General duties and responsibilities include doing quantitative research, including literary and library sources, interviews with Metis elders and historians and prepare transcriptions of interviews. Analysis and validation of the historical accuracy of the data presented will be key components of the position. The researcher will meet and discuss the project at regular intervals with the local Knowledge Keeper committee. In the final half of the term, the researcher will help to develop programs and activities for all ages to highlight the research that has been completed.

Travel may be required for the duration of the term.

Program Development:

- Develop educational based programs for historical and cultural related streams in the form of tours, workshops, demonstrations, multimedia etc. These programs should be balanced to accommodate all age groups and abilities, including elderly individuals and those with intellectual disabilities.
- Collaborates with the Manager/Curator and Program and Exhibitions Committee on exhibit planning. The researcher will provide the knowledge base for exhibit based programming.
- Works within the approved budget and follows all purchasing and related policies as established by the Historical Society.

Knowledge, Abilities, and Skills:

- Extensive knowledge of Northern Saskatchewan history.
- Maintains thorough knowledge of current practices in working with Indigenous people and communities.
- Knowledge of conducting and recording interviews with individuals and small groups.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and in a team environment.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other employees, historians, and volunteers.
- Ability to maintain close attention to detail and a high degree of accuracy and to detect errors quickly.
- Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing.
- Demonstrated organizational skill.
- Demonstrated skill in the development and operation of relational databases, including the creation and design of customized reports.

Compensation

- \$20.00/hour. The Prince Albert Historical Society will cover mandatory costs such as WCB, CPP, etc
- 32 hours per week. Work may be done remotely, 2 days a week to be in the museum

Education, Training and Experience Requirements:

- Relevant undergraduate/graduate degree (Indigenous Studies, Anthropology). Research experience is required.
- Demonstrates interest and involvement in history generally, plus a desire to provide all ages with an opportunity to appreciate local history.
- Effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Good organizational skills and planning skills, and the ability to work independently.
- Knowledge of a local Indigenous language is an asset.
- Access to a vehicle, with clear driving record.