



Part-Time Contract: Youth Art Mentor (4 positions)

Salary: \$16/hour

Hours: Part-time, 3-4 hours/week (Wednesdays), October 2021 until June 2022

Closing Date: Tuesday September 21, 2021

Anticipated Start Date: Wednesday October 13, 2021

The Opportunity

Nanaimo Art Gallery is looking to add a new member to our team! The Youth Art Mentor shares Nanaimo Art Gallery's values of innovation, collaboration and accessibility. Under the direction of our Education team the Youth Art Mentor will plan and facilitate a nine-month peer mentorship program for young artists aged 13-16.

About Nanaimo Art Gallery

Located in the heart of Nanaimo, on the lands of the Snuneymuxw, Nanaimo Art Gallery is an ambitious public art museum that inspires and engages its communities through art.

Over the past several years, the Gallery has moved through a phase of significant transformation to reposition itself in the communities we serve and to enhance our capacity. We have re-imagined and enriched our integrated exhibition and education programs, created new partnerships, and strengthened our relationships with artists and audiences. We are a trusted organization with a growing reputation.

Unique in our region, we are creating new understandings of the potential of contemporary art. An inquiry-based approach infuses and connects all Gallery activities and a small, dedicated team of staff, board and volunteers offers a program that is rooted in our unique regional context and resonates with audiences globally.

Profile of the Candidate

You are a creative and dedicated individual who is excited at the opportunity to connect with others, and encourage learning and sharing amongst peers. You will work closely with your colleagues as a key member of a supportive team in which all voices are heard.

This position is ideal for a young adult who is out of high school and has a passion for art and design, or for an undergraduate student studying visual art, art history, museum studies, Indigenous studies, or education.

Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- Researching, planning and facilitating an art-based peer mentorship program
- Developing lesson plans
- Working directly with mentees to support project work, providing technical hands-on help and guidance as necessary
- Developing and nurturing relationships, and providing encouragement to mentees
- Helping to create a welcoming and motivating environment
- Sharing ideas and encouraging conversation amongst mentors and mentees
- Setting up the room, preparing supplies, cleaning up, and locking up the Gallery at the end of the program
- Opening/closing the Gallery

Experience, Attributes and Requirements:

- Grade 12 graduate or equivalent
- Good oral and written communication
- Ability and willingness to work with the public
- Creative, enthusiastic and self-motivated
- Experience in and passion for the arts (visual arts, performing arts, writing, dance, etc.)
- Desire to contribute and collaborate to a creative team

How to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest, detailed resume, and 3 references by email to yvonne@nanaimoartgallery.ca with the subject heading "Youth Art Mentor".

The closing date for applications is September 21, 2021. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Nanaimo Art Gallery hires on the basis of merit and is strongly committed to equity and diversity within its community. The Gallery encourages applications from women, visible minority group members, persons with disabilities, persons of minority sexual orientations and gender identities, and others with the skills and knowledge to productively engage with diverse communities.