

Smithsonian in London Program Job Opportunity

OPENING DATE: March 13, 2019

CLOSING DATE: March 29, 2019

POSITION	Museum Curator, IS-1015-11
ORGANIZATION	Office of the Provost/National Air & Space Museum
SALARY	\$68,036 - \$88,450; Commensurate with experience
LOCATION	Washington, D.C.
APPOINTMENT TYPE	Full-time; 2-year Temporary Appointment
WHO MAY APPLY	Open to all candidates eligible to work in the U.S.

The Smithsonian Institution (SI) invites applications for the position of Museum Curator with the Smithsonian in London Program. The successful candidate will be an exceptional early-career curator with a strong background in science, technology, engineering, and/or the history of and public understanding of science. The successful candidate must have interests in the arts, history, and culture, and must demonstrate an ability to work with colleagues in these areas. The successful candidate should have experience in exhibition curation and/or in programs related to the public understanding of science and technology. The successful candidate should have knowledge of the exhibition and event planning process, including development, design and installation. The successful candidate must be able to travel by air to visit galleries, collections, donors, etc. in buildings that may not be accessible.

The Smithsonian in London Program is primarily a collaboration with the Victoria & Albert (V&A) museum in a purpose-built museum and exhibition space in the newly-created culture and education district known as the 'East Bank' in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in East London. Participants in his program include the V&A; a new campus of University College London; the London College of Fashion, which is part of the University of the Arts, London; BBC Symphony Orchestra and Chorus; and Sadler's Wells Theatre. The program is expected to launch its first exhibition(s) in spring 2023.

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- In partnership with the London-based SI/V&A team, develop themes, content and vision for the inaugural program.
- Carry out research across the breadth of SI collections to identify objects/stories for the inaugural exhibition(s).
- Carry out research on potential external loans, acquisitions, or commissions relevant to the exhibition themes.
- Create and manage the gallery object database, including object lists on excel and CMS.
- Act as lead curatorial liaison in regards to SI collection loan requests.
- Explore potential research opportunities with other SI researchers and curators, as well as with UK-based researchers at partner institutions.

- Create and maintain object research records in preparation for future phases of work.
- Support the development of digital activities as part of the SI London program.
- Work with the central SI education office and other groups to develop innovative programs linked to SI London.
- Help to secure funding through writing grants and cultivating individuals, corporations, and foundations to donate funds in support of SI London.
- Provide text, images and information for internal/external communication, research, and/or fundraising purposes.
- Attend weekly meetings and communicate SI London's vision and activities to SI colleagues in Washington DC.
- Supervise volunteers and/or interns, if required.
- Promote equality and diversity in all aspects of your work by developing and maintaining positive working relationships, ensuring that colleagues are treated fairly and with respect/dignity and actively contributing to developments that support the program's strategy for widening access, inclusion and diversity.

QUALIFICATIONS

Basic Qualification: To qualify for this position at the IS-11 grade level, you must possess the following minimum qualifications:

1. (A) Degree: museum work; or in an applicable subject-matter field.

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2. Combination of education and experience -- courses equivalent to a major, as shown in A above, plus appropriate experience or additional education.

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3. Four years of experience that provided knowledge comparable to that normally acquired through the successful completion of the 4-year course of study as shown in A above.

— **AND** —

Specialized Experience: At least one full year of specialized experience comparable in scope and responsibility to the GS-09 grade level in the Federal service or comparable system. Specialized experience is experience that equipped the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform successfully the duties of the position, and that is typically in or related to the work of the position to be filled. For this position, specialized experience is defined as: demonstrated experience working with exhibition curation and/or in programs related to the public understanding of science and technology.

KEY REQUIREMENTS:

- Pre-employment Background Investigation must be successfully completed.
- Must be able to travel and work independently as well as within a team environment.
- Qualified candidates who are referred to the hiring official will be asked to submit educational transcripts and proof of U.S. accreditation.

HOW TO APPLY:

Candidates should submit their resume, names and contact information for three referees, and a cover letter that includes a research statement and other qualifications relevant to the position by the closing deadline to FloresJo@si.edu. Please include the position title in the subject line of your e-mail.

Note: Resumes should include a description of your paid and non-paid work experience that is related to this job; starting and ending dates of job (Month and year); and average number of hours worked per week. Reference letters will be requested from candidates who are referred to the hiring official.

For more information, contact Joanne Flores, Senior Program Officer for Art and Special Project, FloresJo@si.edu.

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The Smithsonian Institution is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

The Smithsonian Institution offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive package of benefits. This is not a Federal Position, but has similar requirements and benefits. For a complete description of benefits, please visit <https://www.si.edu/ohr/benefits>