

## **(Re)claiming the New Westminster Waterfront Internship Description**

### *Overview*

Beginning in May 2014 a paid internship opportunity will be offered for a student to work with the New Westminster Museum and Archives and academic partners from Simon Fraser University. The successful candidate will support the development of an exhibit mobilizing project data gained from the (Re)claiming the New Westminster Waterfront project partnership (<http://www.sfu.ca/waterfront.html>). This opportunity will be open to students wishing to complete a practicum or internship in the areas of Museum Studies, History, Sociology, Education, or Design. The start date for this internship is negotiable between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014.

The preferred candidate will demonstrate an understanding of contemporary theories surrounding communication and learning through non-formal means. They will understand the role of objects, images, the written word, space & design, and, interactivity in the engaging presentation of complex topics and concepts. Asset qualifications may include experience in the exhibit design process including storytelling & interpretation, visitor engagement, learning theory, the development and presentation of exhibit design briefs, and, exhibit evaluation.

### *Background*

Since 2011 SFU and the NWMA have been members of a multi-partner project called (Re)Claiming the New Westminster Waterfront. The project aims to establish an understanding of the role of work on New Westminster's waterfront and its connections to the community. (Re)Claiming the New Westminster Waterfront brings together a diverse set of community partners to collect and share the stories of the people who worked on the waterfront in New Westminster. The goal of this project is to inform community discourse and city planning efforts around the importance of New Westminster's Waterfront.

In 2015 a gallery-based exhibit will mobilize project data to introduce the history of work along New Westminster's waterfront and present a narrative of the diverse land uses, activities and people that are found there. As the NWMA is within walking distance of key waterfront locations the exhibit will also be extend to a memory walk along New Westminster's Waterfront. A GIS-based mobile application will be used to take the exhibit's story beyond the walls of the museum by activating oral histories and images throughout the walk.

### *How to Apply:*

The successful applicant will be hired as a Research Assistant through Simon Fraser University. Please forward the following to Professor Pamela Stern ([Pamela\\_stern@sfu.ca](mailto:Pamela_stern@sfu.ca)) by **February 17<sup>th</sup> 2014**.

- Unofficial transcript and resume
- Letter of application containing a description of experience and qualifications
- Names and contact information for 3 references (at least one academic and one work)
- Short-listed candidates may be asked to submit writing samples or a portfolio

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of SFU and New Westminster Museum and Archives members of (Re)Claiming New Westminster's Waterfront exhibit committee. Successful candidate will be asked to undergo Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record.

### *Please Direct Questions To:*

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