



# Ross House Museum

Museum Interpreter - 12-13 weeks

One position available for a **Métis summer student**

## About Us

Ross House Museum is one of few heritage sites that remain to provide Manitobans with a picture of life at the Red River Settlement (1812-1870). This history is interpreted through the lives and stories of William and Jemima Ross, members of a Scottish-Métis family who became prominent citizens in early Winnipeg. Ross House was built in 1854, and served as the first Post Office in Western Canada. It has been operating as a museum in the heart of Point Douglas since 1984.

The restored dwelling is open to the public from June 10<sup>th</sup> through to August 31st. Guided tours are offered during open hours and admission is by donation.

## Overview

Reporting to the Curator, the primary responsibilities of the Museum Interpreters are:

- Guiding individual/group tours through Ross House Museum, educating visitors about the history of early Winnipeg and its culturally diverse inhabitants.
  - Delivering school tours and programs to students of a variety of ages.
  - Educating visitors about Métis culture through stories of the Ross Family, and the relationships between Indigenous and settler peoples in early Manitoba.
  - Building community relations to ensure the long term preservation of Ross House.
- Helping with ongoing collections management projects, to assist in the preservation of local heritage.
- Assisting with curatorial and research projects.
  - Assisting with the coordination & execution of programs
  - Assisting with basic maintenance required to preserve the heritage home.
  - Performing start-of-day and end-of-day tasks such as distributing/collecting signage and property cleanup.

## Competencies/Experience

### **Must be Métis, Inuit, or Non-Status as per funding requirements**

- A student between the ages of 15 and 30, with the intention of returning to full time studies in the following year
- A student that is graduating high school and entering post-secondary school
- Interest in Canadian and Métis history and related issues
- Experience working with artifacts is an asset
- Self-motivated, able to work independently and as part of a team
- Proficiency in spoken and written English is essential
- Fluency in both official languages an asset
- Strong interpersonal and team work skills
- Ability to be an engaging storyteller to a variety of audiences
- Experience in heritage, tourism or hospitality industries an asset
- Occasional evening work may be required

## Employment Terms

Employment is seasonal from: **June 10th, 2026** through to **August 30th, 2026**, inclusive. All candidates must be available for the duration of the season.

The museum is open to the public Wednesday to Sunday, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. The day's shift includes one, 30-minute, unpaid lunch break.

Please declare any expected periods of absence with your cover letter.

All staff must be available to work throughout the Museum's key annual events.

**Employment is paid hourly at the rate of \$17.00 - \$17.50 per hour for 30 hours each week.**

Position reports to the Curator / Manager. Position is subject to a 6-week probationary period.

## Working Conditions and Physical Demands:

- Periods of standing, walking
- Heritage building environment
- Ability to navigate stairs and lift up to 15kg
- Physical dexterity to safely handle artifacts is required

## Applications

Interested applicants should submit their resume & cover letter to:

**Ross House Museum**

**Tracey Turner, Curator / Manager**

**sohmcurator@gmail.com**

Subject: Ross House Museum Interpreter

Please attach one PDF file to your email that includes both your cover letter & resume, with each page numbered.

Applications considered as received.

*We thank all candidates for their interest; however, only candidates selected for further consideration will be contacted. No telephone calls, please.*