



# Ross House Museum

Museum Interpreter - 9 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 10th 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 & events.
- 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 that is enrolled in high-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 28, 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 \$16.75 - \$17 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.