**Curator of Cultural History**

**MoSH**

Located in Memphis, TN, MoSH (the Museum of Science and History; the Museum) is a well-established 501c3 that seeks to create a community of people who share a richer understanding of one another and the world around us. The Museum consists of the Pink Palace Museum, the Lichterman Nature Center, the Coon Creek Science Center, and other historical properties. We inspire discovery through collecting, preserving, and interpreting the cultural histories and natural sciences that shape our region.

Join our team as we embark on an exciting phase of executing our new vision. Our museum is committed to telling our story by:

* Advocating for Authenticity – Illuminate varying perspectives and uphold accurate interpretation without glossing over tough ideas.
* Magnifying Belonging – Building active audiences through outreach, co-creation, and participatory inclusion.
* Embodying Holistic Stories—Incorporating context and presenting lesser-known stories to portray a complete, systemic picture of the region and its history.
* Constructing Intersections – Creating welcoming common spaces that encourage serendipitous and unstructured engagement and foster meaningful interactions between diverse groups of people.

**Responsibilities**

The Curator of Cultural History is responsible for providing research and writing commentary for the digitization of MoSH’s artifact collection. This includes preserving records as needed and uploading these records to the Museum’s open collection web module. The Curator will be instrumental in working with the Collections and Exhibits department in the long-term strategic redesign of the cultural history exhibits located at the Pink Palace, focusing on our geographic region, acquiring artifacts that are needed to interpret the history of the region, and providing research, writing script and label copy for exhibits.

**Qualities**

* Experience in conducting research on and identifying historic and prehistoric artifacts.
* Experience in curating exhibits and participating in exhibit design.
* Ability to collaborate with other departments in conservation, education, and exhibit design.
* Knowledge of effective methods to present artifacts in a manner that can be interpreted by casual visitors as well as subject matter experts.
* Experience in cataloging new acquisitions and assisting in maintaining records of existing collections.
* Ability to provide clear, concise descriptions of artifacts and exhibits to maintain and enhance website content.
* Ability to supervise interns.
* Ability to initiate plans for potential new research areas as exhibits' strategic redesign progresses.
* Thorough knowledge of the history and prehistory of our geographic region.
* Knowledge of museum exhibitions and educational techniques.
* Ability to move exhibit cases, create layouts of objects (both physical and conceptual), unpack contents of crates, and lift, carry, and clean artifacts as needed.
* Willingness to work with the Museum preparator to build exhibit components and use shop tools of various sizes and weights as needed.
* At times, some tasks may require repetitive movement using hammers, saws, nail guns, industrial staplers, and other equipment.
* Ability to climb on ladders, man lifts, lift, carry, and stand on feet for extended periods at various times in the year.

**Qualifications**

* Master’s in museum studies, history, anthropology, or archaeology.
* Mid-level, including 5 - 10 years of progressive responsibility in a museum setting.
* Excellent communication skills are needed to provide written information on the cultural history collections and exhibits to develop the Museum’s online collection platform.
* Experience in Proficio or Past Perfect, digital photography, and current digitization methods preferred.
* Strong skills with MS Office products.

**Compensation**

Compensation is commensurate with experience and abilities. The Museum offers a full range of benefits, including health care, vacation and sick leave, a 401k, and death and disability insurance. It also offers life, dental, and vision insurance.

**To Apply**

Submit one document with a cover letter (providing your salary requirements and how you learned about the position) and your resume via email to:

Jacqueline Norfork

HR Manager

jacqueline.norfork@memphistn.gov

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. MoSH is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity.

Writing samples, a short presentation and references will be required from finalists. Academic, credit, and criminal background checks will be conducted before a final offer is made.

More information about MoSH can be found on our website at [www.memphismusuems.org](http://www.memphismusuems.org).