

HERITAGE GARDEN AND FARM ASSISTANT

Heritage Garden and Farm Assistants help bring Sherbrooke Village to life and are responsible for providing knowledgeable and courteous interpretation of the gardens and farms to the public while adopting the persona of a period character demonstrating rural village life of the 19th century. Working with other site staff, the Heritage Garden and Farm Assistant will support the care of flower and vegetable gardens, the maintenance of farm areas, caring for animals, and the cultivation of fruit and vegetables. They will also support the delivery of interpretive services such as garden tours, school programs, events, workshops, food preparation and serving, off-site activities, and demonstrations as required. The position includes general cleaning of buildings, equipment and surrounding grounds.

The goal of this position is to progressively add to their knowledge of Victorian era life, animal husbandry, agriculture and food security. Heritage Garden and Farm Assistants must also add to their knowledge of Sherbrooke Village lifestyles, economies and materials and develop competency in traditional skill sets. They are expected to be team players and help co-workers in their pursuit of knowledge and skills. Heritage Garden and Farm Assistants are expected to continue to attain satisfactory ongoing performance reviews. All frontline staff are expected to wear period clothing according to Museum and Wardrobe standards.

Type of Employment: Full-Time, min. 8-week contract – Summer Student position

Salary: \$17.00 per hour at 35 hrs per week, plus 4% vacation pay

Start Date: 2 July 2025 for a minimum of 8 weeks

Work Hours: Wednesday to Sunday, 9:30 AM to 5PM

Qualifications:

The successful candidate must be able to:

- Meet the eligibility criteria for Canada Summer Jobs.
- Exhibit excellent communication skills required to interact with all ages of the public and coworkers
- Demonstrate dependability, adaptability and exhibit time management skills while working with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Work independently and as a part of a team
- Embrace and support change
- Exhibit creativity and initiative, as well as demonstrate problem solving skills
- Exhibit strong positive customer service skills

Skills which would be considered an asset are:

- Animal husbandry
- Maintenance skills such as fencing, building and repair
- Gardening skills such as planting, plowing, harvesting and weeding
- Outdoor interpretation
- Knowledge of local, Nova Scotian and/or Canadian history
- Second Language

Sherbrooke Village, a part of the Nova Scotia Museum, is committed to diversity and equitable access to employment opportunities based on ability—your unique contributions and talents will be valued and respected here. We strive to build a team that reflects the diversity of the community we work in and encourage applications from traditionally underrepresented groups such as women, visible minorities, Indigenous peoples, people identifying as LGBTQ2SI, veterans, and people with disabilities.

Application Process: A cover letter should highlight how the applicant clearly meets the qualifications listed. Cover letter and resume may be sent to svillage@novascotia.ca by 4pm, **Friday 14 March 2025**. Please be aware that the Selection Committee knowledge and/or references regarding a candidate's credentials, abilities, and personal suitability may be used as part of the assessment process. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.