

Daily Life and Leisure Textile Volunteer

Join the museum volunteer team to help decant our 19th-century dress collection, as well as other textile projects.

Qualifications

- Appreciation for the historical value of garments
- Physical agility, as this position will include going up and down stepladders, lifting and carrying heavy trays and fragile garments
- Commitment to developing skills and abilities for a career in the museum field
- Experience or education in textiles or historic costume considered an asset
- Additional assets: basic sewing

Responsibilities

- Assist the Curator and Assistant Curator with the rehousing of our historic garments and textiles
 - Lifting and replacing garments, padding out folds, rolling textiles
- Climbing ladders and lifting trays to reorganize the collection by accession number
- Dusting, cleaning of coroplast tray liners and/or ABS pipes
- Adhere to artifact handling, conservation and security guidelines

Rewards

- Training in standard museum collections management: accessioning, cataloguing and preventive conservation storage practices
- Hands-on experience handling historic textiles
- Make connections with other museum professionals to build your network within the museum community
- Satisfaction of contributing to the maintenance of a museum collection
- Each volunteer will receive a complimentary [Experience Alberta's History](#) family pass, good until December 31, 2025

Volunteer experience will also help build basic workplace skills development:

- Teamwork Skills (working with others and contributing to projects & tasks)
- Personal Management Skills (flexibility, adaptability, time management)

Time Commitment

- One shift per week (4-5 hours) for minimum commitment of 6 months
- Weekly shift to take place on a Tuesday or Wednesday, between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm