

Full-time Lecturer and Director of Museum Studies Tufts University

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Job Title	Full-time Lecturer and Director of Museum Studies
Department	School of Arts & Sciences: Museum Studies Program
Institution	Tufts University Medford, Massachusetts
Date Posted	Oct. 11, 2024
Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Lecturer/Instructor Director/Manager
Academic Field(s)	Art Administration
Job Website	http://apply.interfolio.com/157073

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Job Description

The interdisciplinary graduate-level Museum Studies Program invites applications for a full-time lecturer who will serve as program director to begin September 2025. The successful applicant will teach graduate courses in museum operations, education and interpretation, advise museum education master's students and museum studies certificate students, and supervise part-time museum studies faculty members. The director will guide program planning, new course development, participate in marketing and student recruitment, and maintain and evolve relationships with outside organizations and partner universities. The director will work closely with the departments of History of Art and Architecture, History, Education, and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts to make sure that the program aligns with their students' needs and interests. The workload consists of a combination of teaching and service (program administration and student advising) obligations equivalent to six courses per academic year. The director should also be prepared to teach across different modalities (in person, online) and schedules (evenings, weekends) to meet the needs of working museum professionals.

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Qualifications

This position requires a master's degree (minimum) or a doctoral degree (preferred) in a discipline that supports museum work, or a degree in museology or non-profit administration. Applicants must show a strong commitment to preparing students to help museums transform to serve a changing world.

Candidates are expected to have museum work experience relating to visitor engagement and a broad understanding of issues, operations, and opportunities in American museums of all types, including art, history, science, natural history and children's museums, as well as aquariums, zoos, and botanical gardens. The ideal candidate will be proficient in informal learning theory and methodology, social justice strategies, museum work experience, and experience in building community relationships. Candidates should be well-versed in museum-generated literature and academic literature and should have higher education teaching experience. Experience developing and implementing new curricula, with openness to exploring and integrating new modalities for course delivery, such as digital learning platforms, hybrid programs, and experiential learning methods preferred.

The ideal candidate will be curious and enthusiastic, with excellent verbal and written communication skills, strong interpersonal skills, cross-cultural competence, and a demonstrated ability to work independently.

Application Instructions

All applications are submitted via Interfolio at apply.interfolio.com/157073. Note that applicants should supply (1) a cover letter; (2) a brief statement on teaching philosophy, topics, and experiences; (3) a Curriculum Vitae (CV); and (4) contact information for three references. As our program is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice, candidates should highlight how they have (and will) support and promote these priorities in the classroom and workplace across their submitted materials.

Review of applications will begin on January 30, 2025 and continue until the position is filled.

Contact Maura McDonald, Maura.McDonald@tufts.edu, Museum Studies Program Manager, with any questions.

Offers are contingent on a completion of a successful background check.

EEO/AA Policy

Tufts University, founded in 1852, prioritizes quality teaching, highly competitive basic and applied

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research, and a commitment to active citizenship locally, regionally, and globally. Tufts University has also committed to becoming an anti-racist institution and prides itself on the continuous improvement of diversity, equity and inclusion work. Current and prospective employees of the university are expected to have and continuously develop skill in, and disposition for, positively engaging with a diverse population of faculty, staff, and students. Tufts University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. See the University's Non-Discrimination statement and policy here <https://oeo.tufts.edu/policies-procedures/non-discrimination/>. If you are an applicant with a disability who is unable to use our online tools to search and apply for jobs, please contact us by calling the Office of Equal Opportunity (OEO) at 617-627-3298 or at oeo@tufts.edu. Applicants can learn more about requesting reasonable accommodations at <https://oeo.tufts.edu/>

Contact Information

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

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