

Vancouver Maritime Museum Interpreter I (Temporary – Canada Summer Jobs)

We gratefully acknowledge and respect the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) who are the stewards of these lands and waters. Our goal is to support these communities and share their stories in a meaningful way.

Nature and Scope of Work

This is specialized work with the public and school programs of the Vancouver Maritime Museum. An employee of this class assists with the care of supplies and program property materials; presents and introduces short programs; makes suggestions regarding presentation improvements, and performs routine office support functions. Work is performed under general supervision and the incumbent exercises some independence of judgement and action within well defined guidelines. Unusual problems are referred to a superior who reviews work performance in terms of the quality of service provided.

Examples of Work:

- Assists with the care of supplies and program property materials, sets up objects for demonstration; and dismantles properties and supplies after presentation.
- Liaises with teachers and other group leaders to ensure assigned programs meet learning objectives of groups.
- Presents and introduces short programs for a variety of audiences such as families, adults, children's school and community groups and the general public using program properties, audiovisual, and craft materials; selects objects, program property materials, photographs and posters from among the objects available and presents objects for examination and discussion; answers routine questions regarding the materials.
- Makes recommendations regarding presentation improvements
- Performs routine office support functions; provides information to the public.
- Directs volunteers assisting with the setup, delivery, and dismantle of programs and activities.
- Performs related work as required.

Required Knowledge, Abilities and Skills:

- This position is funded by Canada Summer Jobs. Applicants must meet Canada Summer Jobs Eligibility criteria, which includes;
 - Be between 15 and 30 years old at the start of the summer job
 - Be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or a person whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the job
 - Be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations. This includes having a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of the summer job.
 - Interest in maritime history and culture.
- Working knowledge of maritime human history, particularly in relation to the Lower Mainland area of British Columbia.
- Some knowledge of the care and handling of program property materials and objects and interpretation techniques as they relate to the work performed.
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions, and function effectively without direct supervision when required.
- Ability to communicate effectively with children, adults, and volunteers, to present and introduce short programs and to promote interest in Vancouver Maritime Museum initiatives and events.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff and visitors.
- Ability to explain the historical and cultural significance of materials associated with the exhibits.
- Sufficient physical strength to load and unload museum program materials and equipment.

Desirable Training and Experience:

Completion of Grade 12; some experience in interpretation techniques in museum educational programs OR an equivalent combination of training and experience.

Remuneration: \$20.90 Paygrade 12

Employment Term: June 29th, 2026 to August 22nd, 2026

This temporary full-time position (8-weeks 35hrs per week) falls under the jurisdiction of CUPE local 15.

How to Apply:

Thank you for your interest. Please note that only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. Please apply by email with a cover letter and resume to the attention of:

Lindsay De Vera, Operations Manager at operations@vanmaritime.com

Application deadline: Monday, June 1st, 2026

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