

Collections Research Assistant
Job ID 260955

Application Deadline: May 19, 2026, at 5pm EDT

This Work Study position is only open to University of Toronto students enrolled in the summer 2026 term.

For more on eligibility and how to apply, visit the Career Learning Network: clnx.utoronto.ca

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The Collections Research Assistant supports the research and development of the 7,500+ objects as part of the UofT Art Collection. They will gain meaningful, professional experience learning from dynamic collections management staff in an internationally renowned art museum while connecting the experience with future career goals in the cultural sector. Their research and outreach will significantly contribute to the Art Collections' stewardship, supporting academic and non-academic research.

- Students develop skills in collections research, investigating and synthesizing information and communicating findings - building their competencies for a career in Collections Management and the broader cultural sector.
- Students attain organization and records management skills by updating collections records.
- Researching specific objects/artworks and artists in the collection to enhance collections records for research purposes necessitates inquiry and critical thinking, allowing students to hone these skills in a supportive environment.
- They will gain transferable, professional workplace skills such as communicating clearly, being responsive to instruction and detail-oriented with assigned tasks.
- Attaining foundational competencies for museum careers, they learn best practices and responsibilities in Collections Management.
- Students in Art History, Visual Studies and Museum Studies will be able to translate academic learnings to workplace competencies.

Opportunities include:

- Working closely alongside museum professionals to gain skills in teamwork and workplace culture and values and how these translate into day-to-day workplace expectations.
- Networking with arts professionals.



- Job shadowing of museum staff to gain insight into different arts/cultural career paths.
- Receiving mentorship, feedback and opportunities to reflect on career goals and the experience on an ongoing basis with the direct supervisor.

Relevant training provided. Open to all students interested in experiential learning in the arts. No previous art experience required. One to two days per week in-person (required). Hourly rate is \$17.60.