



# Employment Opportunity

## Gallery Guide

**Status:** Casual part-time

**Supervisor:** Assistant Director

**Pay:** \$17.50/hr

**Start Date:** Fall 2024

**End Date:** Spring 2025

**Application Deadline:** September 27, 2024

## The Opportunity

The Thunder Bay Art Gallery is seeking enthusiastic and creative Gallery Guides to lead our popular and high-quality curriculum linked school tour programs. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to share their passion for art and education as they deliver inquiry and experiential based learning to children in grades 1-12.

School tour participants develop visual literacy and critical thinking skills, explore art history, engage with Indigenous and contemporary Canadian art in the gallery spaces including works from our world class collection, and learn about diverse art making practices. Workshops provide hands-on skills that build student creativity and problem-solving ability. Training and skills development is provided for the delivery of tours and hands-on workshops, but knowledge of visual arts techniques and/or education experience is an asset.

The Thunder Bay Art Gallery is uniquely positioned in Northern Ontario as a cultural institution with significant regional, provincial, and national profile. The Gallery has grown steadily over the last 45 years and is at a crucial stage of growth and advancement as we prepare to move into a purpose designed facility on Thunder Bay's beautiful waterfront that will more than triple our operating and programming space.

## **Primary Areas of Responsibility**

1. Deliver tours to school aged children and youth (Grades 1-12) that and provide opportunities to respond to artwork directly through inquiry and experiential activities.
2. Lead hands-on art making workshops that adapt in response to the abilities of students.
3. Connect with people of all ages and cultural backgrounds with emotional intelligence, understanding, and sensitivity.
4. Ensure the safety of program participants and security of exhibitions.
5. Prepare workshop and exhibition spaces before school visits and ensure cleanup is complete after.

## **Essential Skills**

Some technical knowledge of visual arts mediums and practices.

Comfortable with the public and able to lead large tours and art making workshops for groups of different ages and abilities.

Strong oral and written communication skills for engaging with program participants, educators, and others in a clear and appropriate manner.

Excellent organizational skills.

Flexibility, work on evening and weekends, may be available.

## **About the Thunder Bay Art Gallery:**

The Thunder Bay Art Gallery gratefully acknowledges that we are located on the territory of the Anishinaabe peoples of Northwestern Ontario. We work and live on the lands of the Fort William First Nation who are signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850.

As the public art gallery for Thunder Bay and Northern Ontario, the Thunder Bay Art Gallery exhibits, collects, and interprets art with a focus on the work of contemporary Indigenous and Northern Ontario artists. The Gallery nurtures a life-long appreciation of the visual arts by:

- presenting exhibitions of artistic and educational value to cultivate a depth of visual arts experience for the public in Thunder Bay and the broader region of Northern Ontario;
- supporting and enhancing the development of contemporary Canadian artists with an emphasis on (but not limited to) contemporary Indigenous artists and artists from Northwestern Ontario;
- stewarding, conserving, and animating a permanent collection of art focused on the work of contemporary Indigenous artists and innovative cultural and artistic practice of Northwestern Ontario artists;
- and, presenting public programming and outreach activities in order to build audience, increase reception, and expand understanding of the visual arts.

For over 45 years the Thunder Bay Art Gallery has steadily grown and is now the largest art museum in Northern Ontario. Today, we have more than 1600 works of art in our world renowned permanent collection and welcome more than 30,000 people through our doors each year. Every day, the Gallery provides school tours, hosts free public programs, and shares our space with community groups. We are a bustling cultural hub committed to contemporary Indigenous, local, and regional art.

Finally, we are in the process of preparing for the transition to a new purposed designed facility on Thunder Bay's waterfront in late 2025. This new gallery will more than triple our exhibition and operating spaces. This significant addition to Ontario's cultural infrastructure will provide \$33 million in direct economic impact during construction. Once open, the Gallery's operations will generate \$2.2 million annually in direct and indirect impacts to the local and regional economy, as well as an estimated \$7 million in annual visitor spending.

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### **How to Apply**

Applicants who are Deaf, have an exceptionality or disability, or who need support expressing interest or applying for this opportunity are encouraged to contact *Valin Sacchetti, Administrative Coordinator* at [administration@theag.ca](mailto:administration@theag.ca) or call 807.577.6427

to allow for appropriate accommodation of your needs and to discuss alternate formats for submitting your application.

To apply for this position, please send via email to [administration@theag.ca](mailto:administration@theag.ca), a letter of intent, a current resume and the names of two references, under the subject line "Gallery Guide" addressed to:

**Kamila Westerback, Assistant Director**

**Thunder Bay Art Gallery  
PO Box 10193  
Thunder Bay, ON, P7B 6T7**

The Thunder Bay Art Gallery is committed to employment equity and diversity and encourage applications from all qualified candidates, including women, people of any sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; Indigenous peoples; visible minorities and racialized people; and people with disabilities. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.