



2026 Summer Program Assistant

Position Summary:

The Erie Canal Museum is looking for a detail-oriented and motivated individual to assist with the Museum's summer educational and recreational programming. **This paid part-time position could serve as an internship for credit.** This position is a good fit for a detail-oriented, self-directed individual interested in learning more about history.

The Erie Canal Museum, located in downtown Syracuse, New York, engages the public in the story of the Erie Canal's transformative impacts on peoples and places in the past, present, and future. We are stewards and interpreters of Erie Canal related materials and heritage. Established in 1962, the Erie Canal Museum shares 200 years of Erie Canal history through interactive displays, original artifacts, and public programs.

Regular Responsibilities:

- Collaborate with other members of the Erie Canal Museum staff to develop and schedule a series of weekly walking tours in Syracuse and surrounding communities;
- Assist in the production of materials for marketing walking tours to the public;
- Develop oral and self-guided tour materials for the distinct walking tours, using your research and in consultation with other ECM employees
- Conduct research about the Erie Canal;
- Giving tours and/or engaging with visitors at each of the tour sites, including regular weekend tours locations; and
- Performing day-to-day education activities, including leading tours and engaging with visitors.

Qualifications:

- Studied or enrolled in Museum Studies, History, or another related field (or equivalent experience)
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Walking tours will take place on Saturdays, as a result candidate must be available on Saturdays
- Available up to 30 hours per week

Additional Details:

This in-person part-time seasonal position pays \$17 per hour and works about 30 hours per week, including Saturdays, for 15 weeks from May 18 – August 29, 2026. Total hours for the summer can be up to 450 hours.

To apply, candidates should send a cover letter; a resume or Curriculum Vitae; and two references.

Applications packages should be submitted as PDFs via email to Derrick Pratt, Director of Education & Public Programs, at employment@eriecanalmuseum.org with "Summer Program Assistant" in the subject line. Applications are accepted until the position is filled.

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