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Vice President, Collections, Research and International Programs

Royal British Columbia Museum Victoria, British Columbia

Located in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, the Royal British Columbia Museum is one of Canada's great museums. The land on which the museum and archives stand is the Traditional Territory of the Lekwungen (Songhees and Xwsepsum Nations). The Royal BC Museum was founded in 1886, the archives in 1894. In 2003 these two organizations joined. The provincial museum and archives collects significant artifacts, documents and specimens of British Columbia's natural and human history, safeguarding them for the future and sharing them with the world.

The Royal BC Museum is a major provincial and national cultural institution, charged with researching, collecting, preserving and exhibiting the historical evidence of British Columbia. The Museum exists to help society understand change. It is an educational institution that strengthens society through cultural and scientific understanding—helping to create the society of the future.

The Museum is seeking a Vice President who will bring a strong intellectual and a programmatic excellence to focus on collaboration with a range of partners, maintaining the highest goals for research and scholarship.

The Vice President, Collections, Research and International Programs oversees research, learning, exhibitions and the Museum's collections of art, human history and natural history, as well as its holdings of First Nations artifacts and treasures.

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The Vice President acts as the Museum's chief curator and Deputy CEO, second-in-command to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), and serves as a key member of the executive. The incumbent will provide advice to the CEO on all matters relating to collections and will lead the development, articulation and delivery of the Museum's international strategy.

The ideal candidate for this key position will be a senior leader, a highly creative and visionary thinker with significant experience at a leadership level within a collecting museum or cultural institution. This individual will have a proven commitment to excellence in exhibitions, learning, research and curation, institutional best practices, and the highest ethical standards.

The preferred candidate will be an effective communicator and collaborator with a strong network of peers at major museums or cultural centers, ideally around the world.

Familiarity with or eagerness to learn about the representation of Indigenous issues in museums is essential. Indigenous staff are under-represented at the Royal BC Museum. Applications from Indigenous professionals will be particularly welcome.

Consideration of candidates will begin immediately, and the new Vice President will start at a date mutually agreed upon.

Applications and nominations for this important leadership position may be directed in confidence to the address below **until April 4 th, 2018**:

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