



Job Title: Celebrating Traditions Internship
July 2026-April 2027

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY: Yakima Valley Museum is looking for a temporary intern position who will work closely with the museum's Collections & Exhibitions team and Dr. Yesenia Hunter from Heritage University to contribute to the development of a culturally inclusive exhibition exploring traditions, celebrations, and footways. This multi-phase internship will include research, writing, public programming and educational programming development, and direct work with collections. This is a paid, part-time internship from July 20th until April 2027. This temporary position is sponsored by a grant from the Washington State Historical Society Diversity in Local History program.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Research and Writing:

- Follow a research plan put together by the YVM Curator of Collections & Exhibitions and Dr. Yesenia Hunter.
- Develop a strong research and interpretive foundation expanding the Quinceanera narrative into broader cultural traditions, celebrations, and footways.
- Conduct primary and secondary research using the Yakima Valley Museum Archives and other local repositories, including reviewing photographs, oral histories, and archival materials.
- Contribute to the development of an exhibit outline and draft exhibit text.
- Organize research into thematic sections, write and edit label copy, and ensure content reflects multiple perspectives.

Exhibit Development:

- Support exhibit design elements, including layout, visual components, and artifact selection.
- Assist with organizing objects, coordinating design and print materials, and contributing to project management tasks related to production and installation.

Public Programming Development:

- Translate research findings into meaningful public programming for a variety of audiences.
- Identify key topics, needs, and opportunities for programs that reflect cultural perspectives and lived experiences.
- Contribute to four fully developed public programs, including program concepts, speaker coordination, and implementation plans.

Other Duties:

- Support museum educational and public programming when appropriate.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Strong interpersonal skills, enthusiasm and ability to contribute to a positive work culture.
- Ability to work as part of a team and collaborate with colleagues and stakeholders to reach common goals.
- Experience with historical research.
- Strong writing skills for a variety of audiences.
- Strong reading skills, familiar with reading primary and secondary sources.
- Familiarity with museums, cultural institutions, and/or non-profits.
- Familiarity with the Yakima Valley a plus.
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail.
- Ability to work efficiently and courteously with diverse audiences including members of the public, staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders.
- Ability to prioritize tasks to meet scheduled deadlines.
- This position requires frequently standing and lifting 25 pounds or more.

COMPENSATION:

This temporary position is part-time, up to 20 hours a week and open to an undergraduate or graduate student. This position will work at the Yakima Valley Museum and the campus of Heritage University. Compensation will be \$21.00/hour.

We encourage applications from candidates of all backgrounds. Diverse perspectives and experiences enhance the richness of our work and reflect our community. We expect that not all candidates will meet every criterion in this job description, and some candidates may decide not to apply if they do not meet every line in the description. We encourage you to apply anyway!

Yakima Valley Museum is an equal opportunity employer.

Please submit a resume, letter of interest, and short writing sample by July 17, 2026 to Liz Hobson, Executive Director at liz@yvmuseum.org.