



## THE GUNFLINT TRAIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Research Associate Position Opening

*The Gunflint Trail Historical Society is seeking an associate to research the history and culture of the Indigenous people of the Gunflint Trail and the immediate surrounding border lakes region, from paleolithic times to the present. The research will be used to construct a permanent exhibit at Chik-Wauk Museum. The ideal applicant has ties to Cook County and area Anishinaabe families, and a strong interest in the history of First Nation People in the region.*

#### Position Overview

The position includes documenting the movement of people over time in the region now the Minnesota and Ontario border, cataloging existing oral and written stories, and creating a time line beginning with regional Paleo-Indian people and ending with the Indigenous families inhabiting the area in the present day. This position involves evaluating and documenting information including oral histories in the Gunflint Trail Historical Society, Grand Portage National Monument, Cook County Historical Society, and Ontario, Canadian archives. Consulting with the personnel of Grand Portage State Park and members of the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa is a significant component of this research.

#### Position Objectives

The outcomes of this research will be the foundation of a regional Anishinaabe history exhibit. The research associate will provide narratives, document references, photographs, video, oral history, and suggestions for supportive visuals and artifacts of cultural significance. Attention to source documentation, and obtaining necessary permissions and release forms is critical.

#### Position Title

The title of the position is Research Associate.

#### Requirements

The associate is required to work remotely during the winter months using a personal computer and broadband access. Shared office space is available for research archived at Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center from mid-May through mid-October 2021.

#### Education, Qualifications, and Skills

A college degree or equivalent professional experience in Anishinaabe historical research is preferred. Candidates with experience with conducting culturally sensitive interviews, excellent writing and communication skills, attention to detail, and curiosity and passion for the topic will be prioritized.

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Candidates must have a basic understanding of the history and impacts of treaties and other legislation affecting Indigenous People.

Proficiency in software programs including Excel, Word, and email, as well as Zoom meeting ability is necessary.

#### Position Duration

This is a one-year, grant-funded position beginning as soon as the associate is hired. The position is approximately 1000 hours.

#### Compensation

This is a grant-funded project. Compensation is dependent upon experience. The wage range is \$18.00-25.00/hour. Position ends and research must be completed one year from commencing. A separate expense budget is included for such items as travel.

#### Supervisor

The associate supervisor is the Chik-Wauk Museum exhibit committee chair. Monthly progress reports with relevant findings will be expected. The Exhibit Committee will be actively involved in the project. Communication, consulting, and interactions will be scheduled regularly.

#### Application Process

To apply, see the next page. Applications are due January 31, 2021. Questions may be directed to [chikwauk@boreal.org](mailto:chikwauk@boreal.org).

*Chik-Wauk Museum and Nature Center is located on the Gunflint Trail (Cook County Road #12) 57 miles from Grand Marais, MN, on Saganaga Lake.*

*Note: It is understood that COVID-19 protocol is in place at this writing, and may continue during all or part of the research period.*

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## Research Associate Application

### **Resume**

Applicants are requested to send a complete resume with educational degrees and professional experience.

Include your name, address, email address, and phone number.

List prior work experience, particularly in the area of historical research of Indigenous people, if applicable.

Indicate if you are a citizen of the United States, and if not, if you are authorized to work in the United States.

### **Writing Samples**

Provide one page of either a new or existing writing sample describing research work you have conducted in the past or a link to a project in which you participated.

Provide a written explanation of what interests you about this project, a brief outline of how you would proceed with the research, and why you are qualified for this project.

### **Interview**

Qualified applicants will be contacted to schedule an interview after the application deadline of January 31, 2021. Interviews are over Zoom due to Covid.

Thank you for your interest! Please direct any questions to [chikwauk@boreal.org](mailto:chikwauk@boreal.org)