



The Oneida Community Mansion House is seeking a temporary Collections Fellow for 12-16 weeks in the Summer and Fall of 2022.

The Oneida Community Mansion House is in the midst of a multi-year historic preservation program to ensure the Mansion House can continue to tell its stories for another 160 years. Part of this plan involves seeking a permanent home for the collection of nearly 10,000 objects as spaces are shifted and reallocated throughout the Mansion House. In order to do this, the Mansion House is seeking an advanced graduate student or emerging museum professional to assist the Director of Museum Affairs to help find suitable spaces for collections, evaluate objects for accession or deaccession, and inventory and move a subsection of the collection. The fellow will be working with a wide range of materials including silverware, photographs, steel traps, textiles, rare books, periodicals, and furniture. This project will help OCMH to gain a better understanding of the collection and keep it secure during the preservation project.

The fellow will hone skills in collections management, preventive conservation, researching and documenting a wide array of museum objects and develop the skills necessary to work at a big-small-house-museum. The Fellow will work closely with a dynamic and energetic team including the Director of Museum Affairs, Director of Buildings and Grounds, as well as the Executive Director to fundamentally shape the future of the Mansion House's collection.

The fellow will work full time at the Mansion House for 12-16 weeks from Summer to Fall (project needs to be completed by November 2022). Schedule can be somewhat flexible for fulltime students during the Fall.

Qualifications/Skills

- BA required, MA preferred in one of the following fields: museum studies, art conservation, history, art history, anthropology, material culture studies, or allied field.
- Experience in collections management and evaluation and or curatorial work
- Ability to work independently and be a self-starter while working within a small collaborative team
- Interest in the Oneida Community, utopian communities, New York History, 19th-20th century cultural and social history or material culture
- Ability to conduct historical research
- Attention to detail and able to hold visual attention for extended periods of time
- Experience working with PastPerfect software

- Experience working in a museum, library, archive, or historic site
- Basic knowledge of the Google Suite and Microsoft Office
- Regularly lift and or move loads up to 40 pounds up and down stairs and in narrow spaces
- Must have an automobile or means of self-transport

Responsibilities

Under the supervision of the Director of Museum Affairs the Fellow will:

- Assess spaces in the Mansion House for collections storage
- In a modest subset of the collection the Fellow will evaluate donated and or non-accessioned items for accessioning; assess select objects for de-accessioning
- Inventory objects for a collections move
- Conduct a collections move

Compensation

- \$7,000-\$10,000 for 12-16 weeks of work (40 hours per week)
- 5 days paid vacation
- Flexible work schedule is possible
- On-site free housing is possible
- Free membership to OCMH (includes discounts on museum store, overnight lodging, admission to events, etc.)

How to Apply

Please send a letter of interest, resume or CV, and the contact information for two references to Thomas A. Guiler, Director of Museum Affairs, tguiler@oneidacommunity.org

Accepting applications immediately and will continue until position is filled.

About the Oneida Community Mansion House

The Mansion House is the historic home of the utopian Oneida Community (1848-1880). Today, the non-profit organization, the Oneida Community Mansion House (OCMH) tells the story of America's most successful experimental community and the joint stock company that emerged after its breakup. The Community's radical social practices, which included living and working communally and advocating for women's equality, challenged contemporary ideas of family and gender roles in ways that are still relevant today. Their progressive philosophy is evident in the Mansion House itself, the design of which reflects their values and social organization. The 93,000 square ft. Mansion House is a National Historic Landmark where visitors can enjoy period rooms and interpretive exhibits in the museum, as well as programs, facility rentals, and overnight lodging. The Mansion House is surrounded by 33 acres of landscaped lawns, gardens, trails and a historic golf course