

Oral History and Audiovisual Collections Assistant Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Heritage Department

Duration: 13 weeks

Work Schedule: 9:30am - 5:00pm | Monday to Friday, 7 hours per day

Start and end dates: May 26, 2025 to August 22 2025

Wage: \$19.50/hour

Language of Work: English

NOTE that due to Young Canada Works funding criteria, the successful candidate must:

- be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident, or have refugee status in Canada;
- be legally entitled to work in Canada;
- be between 16 and 30 years of age at the start of employment;
- meet the specific eligibility criteria of the program to which you apply;
- be registered in the YCW online candidate inventory;
- be willing to commit to the full duration of the work assignment;
- not have another full-time job during the YCW work assignment
- have registered as a high school, college, CEGEP or university student (as defined by their educational institution) in the semester preceding the YCW work assignment;
- and intend to return to studies during or after the YCW work assignment

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For 60 years, the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre (JCCC) has served as the gathering point for the Japanese Canadian community and for those of non-Japanese ancestry who have an interest in things Japanese in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). The JCCC, through its Heritage Department, is committed to collecting, documenting, preserving, and sharing the history of the Japanese Canadians. The Heritage Department mandate is to introduce the culture, history, and legacy of Japanese Canadians to all Canadians while creating a tribute to the history of the Nikkei community and their contributions to the building of our nation.

The Oral History and Audiovisual Collections Assistant's key responsibilities will be:

- To catalogue, rehouse, and appraise condition of **at least** 2 boxes of miscellaneous audiovisual material such as DVDs, film reels, and cassette tapes, under the direction of the Audiovisual Archivist;
- To complete transcriptions of 6 hours of oral history interviews from the JCCC's Sedai Oral History Collection as well as data entry of description and metadata of interviews into the database
- To review and reorganize files from **at least** 40 Sedai oral history interviews in accordance with the JCCC Heritage Department's long-term preservation plan and Library and Archives Canada guidelines;

- To complete digitization of **at least 20 cm** of documents related to the Sedai Oral History Collection;
- To assist with identifying and preparing material for inclusion in upcoming exhibits or outreach materials, particularly from material in the Sedai Oral History Collection;

Candidate Profile:

This position is suitable for students pursuing post-secondary education in the fields of museum and curatorial studies, archival studies, Canadian history, and library and information technology studies. Studies in anthropology, sociology, Asian Canadian studies and art history are also applicable.

Required skills of the successful candidate:

- Strong computer skills, including familiarity and ability to use Office software, specifically Word and Excel; demonstrable experience with database software a definite asset (e.g. Filemaker)
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with fluency in English – successful candidates will be working closely and collaboratively with volunteers and staff
- Strong attention to detail, with strong organizational skills
- Experience with editing video and audio for general audiences and familiarity with video editing software are assets.
- Experience with oral histories and transcription is an asset
- Experience and/or interest with analog audiovisual material is an asset

The ideal candidate has a strong interest in preserving community histories – particularly Japanese Canadian history – community archiving, and pursuing a career in the heritage or cultural sector. Knowledge of Canadian History and Japanese Canadian History is an asset. Familiarity with the Rules of Archival Description, preservation, and conservation is also an asset.

The Oral History and Audiovisual Collections Assistant may also be asked to assist with major cultural community activities organized by the JCCC and the Heritage Department. They will gain a good sense of the collections and daily work at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre via Heritage Department related operations and activities.

Please note that the availability of this position is contingent upon receipt of grant funding.

Cover letters and accompanying resumes are requested via email with a subject line of “JCCC Oral History and Audiovisual Collections Assistant”, to heritage@jccc.on.ca. Applications must be submitted by 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 30, 2025. Please refer to Job Posting #55244.

Applications submitted only through the YCW portal and not by email will NOT be considered.
Only successful candidates will be contacted.