Career Opportunity
This is not a Federal Position

We are currently accepting applications to fill the following vacancy:

Museum Curator (Caterpillar Curator of African American Innovation and Entrepreneurship)
Announcement Number: SITRUST-23-NMAAHCC0506
Number of Vacancies: One

OPEN DATE: June 1, 2023
CLOSING DATE: June 30, 2023
SALARY RANGE: IS-1015-12 ($89,834.00 to $116,788.00)
POSITION TYPE: Trust Fund
APPOINTMENT TYPE: Indefinite
SCHEDULE: Full Time
DUTY LOCATION: Washington DC

Position sensitivity and risk: Non-sensitive (NS)/Low Risk

Open to all qualified applicants

The Smithsonian Institution provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities where appropriate. Applicants requiring reasonable accommodation should contact the point-of-contact listed in the “How To Apply” section below. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis. To learn more, please review the Smithsonian’s Accommodation Procedures.

The Smithsonian Institution is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We believe that a workforce comprising a variety of educational, cultural, and experiential backgrounds support and enhance our daily work life and contribute to the richness of our exhibitions and programs. See Smithsonian EEO program information: www.si.edu/oemma.

KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Pass Pre-employment Background Check and Subsequent Background Investigation for position designated as low risk
- Complete a 1-year probationary period
- Maintain a Bank Account for Direct Deposit/Electronic Transfer

Conditions of Employment

COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS:

For the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccination requirements and its impact on your application, click on Smithsonian Institution’s Frequently Asked Questions.
OVERVIEW

The Smithsonian Institution is the world’s largest museum, education, and research complex, with 21 museums and the National Zoo. This position is in the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC). NMAAHC is a national museum for the study and exhibition of African American history and culture. The position is in the Office of Curatorial Affairs.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Museum Curator (Caterpillar Curator of African American Innovation and Entrepreneurship) provides expertise and intellectual leadership for the museum’s interpretation of African American innovation and entrepreneurship in science and technology. In this position, you will:

- Initiate and develop an intellectual framework and plans for collection and programming defining the museum’s approach to African American innovation and entrepreneurship in science and technology.
- Guided by the framework and plan, develop the museum’s collection in scope and scale.
- Conduct scholarly research which typically results in publications, digital materials, or exhibitions that make original and trust-worthy contribution to the field.
- Participate in conferences, symposia, programs for professional audiences and the public to share research, collections, and projects related to science and technology.
- Serve as expert in responses to public inquiries and media requests regarding topics relating to science and technology.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must possess the following basic education requirements:

1. Degree in museum studies; or in an applicable subject-matter field such as American or African American history or the history of science; MA or Ph.D. preferred or
2. Combination of education and experience – courses equivalent to a major, as shown in 1 above, plus appropriate experience or additional education; or
3. Four years of experience that provided knowledge comparable to that normally acquired through the successful completion of the 4-year course of study as shown in 1 above.

In addition to the basic qualification above and the basic education requirements:

The ideal candidate should have demonstrated experience:

- Working with museum collections and/or material culture, including but not limited to exhibitions.
- Conducting research focused on African American innovation and entrepreneurship in science and technology.
- Producing publications or other scholarly outputs that interpret African American innovation and entrepreneurship in science and technology.
- Presenting at professional meetings and/or conferences as well as participating in programs, other public activities, and responding to public inquiries.

Applicants, who wish to qualify based on education completed outside the United States, must be deemed equivalent to higher education programs of U.S. Institutions by an organization that specializes in the interpretation of foreign educational credentials. This documentation is the responsibility of the applicant and should be included as part of your application package.
Any false statement in your application may result in your application being rejected and may also result in termination after employment begins.

The Smithsonian Institution values and seeks a diverse workforce. Join us in “Inspiring Generations through Knowledge and Discovery.”

How To Apply:

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Applications received on or before **Friday, June 30, 2023, at 5:00pm (EST)** will be considered. Resumes should include a description of your paid and non-paid work experience that is related to this job; starting and ending dates of job (month and year); and average number of hours worked per week.

What To Expect Next:
Once the vacancy announcement closes, a review of your resume will be compared against the qualification and experience requirements related to this job. After review of applicant resumes is complete, qualified candidates will be referred to the hiring manager.

Relocation expenses are not paid.

**What are Trust Fund Positions?**

Trust Fund positions are unique to the Smithsonian. They are paid for from a variety of sources, including the Smithsonian endowment, revenue from our business activities, donations, grants and contracts. Trust employees are not part of the civil service, nor does trust fund employment lead to Federal status. The salary ranges for trust positions are generally the same as for federal positions and in many cases trust and federal employees work side by side. Trust employees have their own benefit program and may include Health, Dental & Vision Insurance, Life Insurance, Transit/Commuter Benefits, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Annual and Sick Leave, Family Friendly Leave, 403b Retirement Plan, Discounts for Smithsonian Memberships, Museum Stores and Restaurants, Credit Union, Smithsonian Early Enrichment Center (Child Care), Flexible Spending Account (Health & Dependent Care).