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Expressions of Interest

Conservation Interns - volunteer
Grimwade Conservation Services CostumeLAB project

Summary

Seeking 5-8 volunteer Conservation Interns to assist our conservation team in the delivery of CostumeLAB

Expressions of Interest Due:
5 April 2021

About this project



Further information:

Penny Tripp
General Manager
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Services

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Grimwade Conservation Services is partnering with the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to deliver **CostumeLAB**, an exhibition showcase held over 10 days from 26 April to 5 May 2021 at Labassa in Caulfield North. The showcase will feature live demonstrations by Grimwade Conservation Services conservators alongside the display of important works from the Trust's Costume Collection.

During the course of the showcase, the conservation team will complete a conservation needs assessment of the National Trust's Costume Collection, condition reports, and begin treatment on select, urgent need items.

We are seeking expressions of interest from 5-8 volunteer Conservation Interns to assist our professional conservation team in the following tasks:

- Workspace and equipment set up
- Object handling and assessment
- Photography and documentation
- Exhibition installation and mounting
- Supervised treatment work

When: 26 April to 5 May 2021, plus some days either side for set up and pack down

Time: 10am to 4pm roster

Location: Labassa, 2 Manor Grove, Caulfield North

National Trust of Australia (Victoria)

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is custodian of a remarkable collection of over 35,000 objects. The collection features furniture and household objects of significance, alongside fashion and textiles which tell the story of the National Trust's properties. Within these holdings is a significant collection of historical dress and fashion which is in urgent need of conservation stabilisation, research and rehousing to ensure its survival and accessibility. This project seeks to support the first step in delivering a sustainable, world-class Costume and Textile Resource Centre which aims to protect and conserve this unique and valuable collection through the activation of an exhibition which showcases the significance and conservation needs of the collection.

Visit the National Trust's website for further information:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/collections/costume-collection/>



Grimwade Conservation Services

Grimwade Conservation Services specialises in all areas of cultural material conservation. As a trusted leader in conservation practice and training in Australia and the Asia Pacific region, our client base includes significant national, state and regional public collections and cultural organisations; commercial galleries; corporate collections; arts communities; and private collections.

The team of 16 specialist conservators have deep experience working across a range of materials and collaborating with University researchers to deliver world class conservation results of global significance.

Grimwade Conservation Services is part of the Faculty of Arts.

Visit Grimwade Conservation Services website for further information:

<https://arts.unimelb.edu.au/grimwade-centre-for-cultural-materials-conservation/conservation-services>



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Please submit your expression of interest to become a volunteer Conservation Intern to Penny Tripp, General Manager of Grimwade Conservation Services via email **by Monday 5 April 2021**. Your EOI should include:

1. A cover letter which includes your name, email, contact details, and availability between 22 April and 8 May 2021, 10am to 4pm.*
2. A short statement of 4-5 dot points on why you would like to join our CostumeLAB project. Please include what you think you can contribute, your skills, and interest in textile and/or object conservation
3. A one page CV

If you have any questions, please email:

Penny Tripp
General Manager, Grimwade Conservation Services

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* Actual showcase event is open to the public from Monday 26 April to Wednesday 5 May and will run over the weekend. We are seeking expressions of interest for Interns to work with our team to set up and pack down equipment, as well as support conservation works during the public opening dates.

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