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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Position Announcement

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| Title: | Education Coordinator |
| Organization: | Delaware Historical Society - Read House & Gardens 42 The Strand, New Castle, Delaware 19720 |
| Status: | Full-time (35 hours/week) with excellent benefits package. |
| Salary: | \$37,500-\$42,000 starting salary, commensurate with experience. |
| Supervisor: | Director of the George Read II House & Gardens |

Position Description:

The Delaware Historical Society (DHS) is seeking a dynamic and self-directed individual to work from its New Castle campus as Education Coordinator. This individual will join the Read House & Gardens (RH&G) staff as it undertakes a comprehensive review of interpretive strategy, public-facing initiatives, and integration across DHS divisions. The incumbent will collaborate with RH&G team members and colleagues on the Society's main campus in Wilmington to develop and implement K-12, family, and adult programming. The Education Coordinator will also provide strategic and operational support to the Director of the RH&G and contribute to exhibitions. Furthermore, they will assume day-to-day supervision of the site's corps of part-time interpreters and produce interpreter training and reference materials with input from the Director.

This position offers an opportunity for innovation and thought leadership in the field of museum education. The successful candidate will bring to it fresh ideas for programming, an affinity for digital media, ability to establish productive relationships in the educational community, and a strong team ethic.

About the Organization:

The George Read II House & Gardens comprises a 14,000-square-foot mansion built between 1797 and 1804 and formal gardens added in 1847-48. As an outstanding example of Philadelphia federal-style architecture, it was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2017. George Read II was the first U.S. Attorney for Delaware, and his father was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, as well as a governor, U.S. senator, and chief justice in Delaware. Under the stewardship of Phillip and Lydia Chichester Laird in the 20th century, the house and grounds became a model of the colonial revival movement and appeared widely in American lifestyle and design publications. The Delaware Historical Society assumed ownership of the site upon Lydia Laird's death in 1975 and undertook a state-of-the-art restoration and furnishing campaign during the 1980s.

The Read House is situated in New Castle, Delaware, adjacent to the First State National Historical Park and overlooking the Delaware River. In addition to the RH&G, the Delaware Historical Society operates the Mitchell Center for African American Heritage, Delaware History Museum, DHS Research Library, and Willingtown Square in downtown Wilmington. It strives to reach culturally diverse audiences through inclusive programming, exhibitions, and site interpretation.

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Position Requirements:

- **M.A. in history, museum studies, education, or a closely related discipline, or equivalent work experience**
- **Knowledge of American decorative arts and 18th-/19th-century U.S. historiography preferred**
- **Excellent writing and public-speaking skills**
- **Understanding of current trends and strategies in digital communications, including social media**
- **Demonstrated affinity for collaboration and constructive communication in team-oriented settings**
- **Demonstrated organizational, leadership, and personnel-management skills**
- **Ability to interpret site and exhibition content for multiple audiences**
- **Ability to meet deadlines and to manage multiple duties concurrently**

Please send
cover letter, resume, and three professional references to
Rachael Mead, Executive Assistant, at rmead@dehistory.org.

No telephone calls.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position has been filled.

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