

Vice President, Engagement, Education and Exhibitions

The Indiana Historical Society, an Indiana nonprofit corporation, is the oldest extant organization in the state of Indiana and one of the oldest and largest historical societies in the United States that has collected, preserved, interpreted, and shared the state's history since 1830. The organization is seeking an experienced, creative, and strategic thinking Vice President, Engagement, Education and Exhibitions to direct a team that develops, organizes, presents and evaluates a full range of programming and exhibitions for adult, youth, and family audiences including outreach to our history partners throughout the state. Candidates should have multidisciplinary experience involving education, research, programming, and demonstrated record of building innovative partnerships, inspiring creativity and strong interpersonal skills. Position is a key member of the senior leadership team working directly with and reporting to the President and CEO.

Position Overview and Expectations

The Vice President, Engagement, Education and Exhibitions will provide innovative leadership, guidance, and overall direction for a staff of approximately 16 full time and 30 part time employees within the departments of education and community engagement, local history services, exhibitions, and museum theater while working collaboratively throughout the organization and with various partners to include sponsors, community members and other organizations. Specific expectations include:

- Ability to identify and develop talent; exceptional coaching and team building skills
- Strong understanding of the fundamentals of development and the role that external support plays in the development and implementation of compelling projects; actively collaborate with the development efforts to establish and maintain relationships with funders
- Align programmatic efforts to the needs of the institution and the wants of the desired audiences to be served
- Strong editorial and research skills with ability to extract content from a variety of sources and present in a meaningful manner to the intended audience
- Act as a creative and entrepreneurial catalyst for the division, exploring and producing ideas for new opportunities, partnerships, programs, and exhibits
- Work with a variety of stakeholders including staff, board members, institution committees, external partners and other private and governmental entities; foster relationships, and identify new partner opportunities
- Serve as a primary liaison to various professional organizations and Board committees including programming, museum theater, and various exhibitions

Qualifications

Qualified candidates will (1) have experience demonstrating success within multiple institutional disciplines with a focus in education, exhibitions, research and/or institutional advancement (development) (2) maintain a degree in a museum-related discipline or equivalent background derived from previous work experience; post-graduate degree preferred (3) evidence of ongoing professional development in the form of research, publications, and active involvement in relevant professional organizations.

Other Information

A full-time position, salary is commensurate with experience and skills. Benefit package includes health, dental, life, long-term disability, employer/employee funded retirement plan and paid time off.

Interested individuals may direct resume information to Human Resources, Indiana Historical Society, 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202 or hr@indianahistory.org.