The George Washington University
Graduate School of Education and Human Development

Assistant/Associate Professor of Museum Education and Director, Museum Education Program
Department of Educational Leadership
(Tenure Track, Academic Year Appointment)

Position:
Tenure-accruing, Assistant/Associate Professor of Museum Education and director of the Museum Education Program. As director, the successful candidate will be the chief representative of—and spokesperson for—the Museum Education Program within the Department of Educational Leadership, the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, and the University as a whole, as well as beyond the University. This position will begin in Fall 2023.

Position Description Summary:
The Museum Education Program, founded in 1974, was the first graduate program focused on preparing professionals for advancing the museum’s primary mission as an educational institution serving the broadest possible public. Graduates hold leadership positions in art, history, and science museums; botanic gardens, aquariums, and zoos; historic houses, parks, and cultural sites; as well as professional associations, government agencies, and academic institutions. With a thriving national and international network of alumni and strong ties with museums locally and across the country, the Museum Education Program is recognized as a source of professional excellence, playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of museums as learning environments that foster a civil society and promote justice.

The project-based curriculum emphasizes transferable competencies and informed decision-making, with classroom instruction closely tied to practice through partnerships with museums and field placements. Students progress as a cohort through four semesters, with seven core courses and two electives, earning a Master of Arts in Teaching. While in an academic setting, the Museum Education Program emulates the profession in creating a community of practice infused with the principles of collaboration through which individual students’ learning is multiplied by their classmates’ learning. Outcomes for every project, each course, and the entire degree program are clearly articulated. Students emerge as reflective practitioners, with a commitment to contributing to the field as active change agents.

Specific Duties and Responsibilities:
The successful candidate will be expected to

Provide visionary leadership for the Museum Education Program as a progressive
force in advancing justice through museums
Contribute to museum education scholarship
Take an active role on the national/international level as a pioneering thought-leader
Teach graduate courses, organize field placements, advise degree candidates, recruit students, and support alumni relationships
Initiate and nurture partnerships with museums and practitioners
Manage four endowments and oversee financial matters
Participate in Department, School, and University service, in accord with GW’s standards of shared governance.

Basic Qualifications:
All applicants must have:

1. An earned doctorate by date of appointment in an appropriate discipline in the arts, humanities, or sciences
2. A demonstrated record of or potential for contributions to museum education scholarship
3. A demonstrated ability for providing meaningful learning opportunities for reflective museum practitioners via frontline experience through more advanced responsibility
4. Evidence of substantial knowledge of museum history ethics, standards, policies, and best practices
5. A demonstrated commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion via leadership and other efforts in fulfilling the museum’s responsibility to advance justice

How to apply. Applications should be submitted online (https://www.gwu.jobs/postings/96491) and must include:

- Cover letter that indicates how your background and experiences specifically match with each of the five Basic Qualifications,
- Current curriculum vitae
- Two samples of scholarly contributions and/or material artifacts reflective of your professional activism (e.g., podcast transcripts, reports, curriculum, etc.)
- Complete contact information for at least three references (name, position, relationship, phone number[s], and email)

Rank is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Compensation commensurate with experience. Review of applications will begin on October 31, 2022 and will continue until the position is filled. Only complete applications will be considered.

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**Additional Information:** For additional information about the application process, please contact Meg Holland, at holland@gwu.edu.