

CAG TD Assistant Curator of Programming

The Contemporary Art Gallery (CAG) is searching for a full-time Assistant Curator of Programming

Terms:	Full-time, term-limited contract
Hours of work:	Weekdays, 10 am-6 pm; occasional evenings and weekends required
Minimum wage:	\$28.53/hour
Location of work:	Primarily on-site
Start date:	May 2026

The Contemporary Art Gallery is one of Canada's leading contemporary art spaces, driven by the vital work of art and artists in moving us toward a freer, more engaged world. We are currently inviting applications for the position of TD Assistant Curator of Programming, a two-year full-time contract position at the gallery.

This position is made possible with the support of TD Bank Group through its corporate citizenship platform the TD Ready Commitment. This opportunity is open to candidates who have experienced systemic barriers to pursuing a career in the arts or who identify as belonging to a traditionally underrepresented community.

THE ROLE

Working closely with CAG's Curatorial team, the TD Assistant Curator of Programming will play a key role in planning and coordinating the gallery's public programming and interpretive initiatives, while offering in-depth research contributions and administrative support to all artistic programs.

The ideal candidate will approach CAG's programming with creativity and care; value collaborative work with a small team; and be enthusiastic about participating in the implementation of an artist-driven, audience-centered program.

Key responsibilities for the position include:

- Playing a central role in CAG's curatorial team, working to plan, budget and execute in-house and offsite programs;

- Contributing to the development of the gallery’s public programming and interpretive initiatives in dialogue with curatorial colleagues, and managing their implementation and delivery;
- Assisting with the development of gallery publications in collaboration with artists, contributors and institutional partners;
- Providing research assistance for the gallery’s program development activities;
- Developing and maintaining positive relationships with artists, collaborators and other stakeholders.

During their two-year term, the TD Assistant Curator of Programming will also develop and implement a standalone programming initiative under the supervision and mentorship of one of the gallery’s curators.

THE PERSON

The ideal candidate for this position will possess:

- a demonstrated interest in contemporary art;
- a strong desire to broaden their curatorial skill base and expand their professional networks;
- good project management and problem-solving skills, a detail-oriented focus and the ability to manage multiple priorities;
- the capacity to work adaptably with a broad array of colleagues, partners and stakeholders;
- strong oral and written communication skills, including an ability to communicate with a range of audiences;
- a commitment to contributing to an inclusive, anti-oppressive work environment.

BENEFITS

The compensation package for this position includes extended health, dental and vision benefits (after three months); an annual professional development stipend; and paid professional development flex time.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit a CV and statement of intent that summarizes your interest in this position to employment@cagvancouver.org with the subject line “TD Assistant Curator of Programming application.” Statements of intent may be submitted in the form of a cover letter, a video, an audio recording, or a slideshow/presentation. We would prefer to receive applications electronically, with all documents attached as a single file.

CAG is committed to fostering an inclusive, anti-oppressive and accessible work environment that reflects the communities we operate in. We invite applications from members of groups that have been historically marginalized, including those

who identify as Black, Indigenous, racialized, LGBTQ2SI+, non-binary, gender diverse, Deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent. Applicants are welcome to self-identify in their application materials and/or speak to any barriers they have encountered in pursuing a career in the arts.

Please be in touch with us at contact@cagvancouver.org should you require accommodation at any point during the application or hiring process.

Application deadline: April 6, 2026, 12:00 pm PT.

This is a union position.

THE HIRING PROCESS

1. Your application will be reviewed upon submission.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by April 13th to schedule an interview.
3. Shortlisted candidates will participate in a 45-minute interview.
4. We will request and check references.
5. We will make a final decision and notify all candidates within 15 days of their interview.

ABOUT CAG

For fifty years, the Contemporary Art Gallery has played a key role in the cultural ecologies of Vancouver, operating as a threshold between the Lower Mainland and broader contexts for contemporary art nationally and internationally. With a primary commitment to presenting the work of early and mid-career artists from across Canada and around the globe, CAG champions art, artists and ideas that challenge us to transcend the familiar, reimagine the possible, and deepen our understanding of ourselves, one another and the worlds around us.

Building on its previous histories as an artists' service organization and an artist-run centre, CAG has operated as a non-collecting public gallery since 1996. Currently housed in a 6,000-square-foot facility in downtown Vancouver, CAG is within close proximity of 2.5 million people in the Greater Vancouver Area.

CAG carries out its work on the unceded and ancestral territories of the x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. As a predominantly settler-led organization, we acknowledge our responsibility to each of

these nations, who have stewarded this land, water and air for thousands of years. We are committed to building sustained, reciprocal relationships with Indigenous communities and supporting the work of reconciliation and Indigenous sovereignty.

To learn more about CAG, please visit us at cagvancouver.org.