Building Arts & Conservation – Assistant Architectural Conservator

EMPLOYER

Building Arts & Conservation (BAC) specializes in the conservation of historic architectural materials. Working from archival sources, material evidence, analysis, and practical knowledge of past skilled trades, **we help our clients preserve their historic buildings and structures** through in-depth investigation, assessment, scalable project support and management, and **hands-on restoration and conservation**. We have over 30 years of dedicated experience in the field of architectural conservation and utilize skilled craftsmen to meticulously **conserve, restore and replicate historic plaster, wood, paint, metallic leaf, glazes, stencils, metals, glass and masonry**. We also conserve **fine artworks, sculpture and historic lighting**. Our goal is to preserve the rich patina and historical significance of architectural elements and places and **provide our clients with outstanding quality and service**.

Website: http://www.bldgconservation.com

Position: **Assistant Architectural Conservator**

Type: Full-time; One Year Contract

Location: based in Saline, Michigan

Position Description:

Building Arts & Conservation is seeking an Assistant Architectural Conservator to join our small but dynamic company. We have several exciting and high-profile projects underway or scheduled for 2020 and have an immediate need for a qualified assistant to help us provide the exemplary service for which we are known. On-the-job training will be provided as needed. There is potential for extending the contract beyond one year for the right candidate. Paid holidays. Full or Partial health insurance options may be offered.

General responsibilities:

- The Assistant Architectural Conservator will assist the Head Architectural Conservator in performing all aspects of conservation/historic preservation work as necessary. This may include research, report writing, condition assessment, material analysis, and developing treatment procedures as well as the hands-on execution of treatments in both interior and exterior settings. Work may also include project site management, studio organization, and other administrative tasks. This is an excellent opportunity for a preservation minded, mechanically inclined, artistic and creative, self-starting team player with a sense of humor (i.e. must appreciate dad jokes). Studio location is Saline, Michigan but 50-75% of work will involve some travel to job sites, mostly local/in state, but overnight stays may be required.

Education Requirements:

- A graduate degree in historic preservation, architectural history, history, and/or planning is preferred;
- A degree in art history, construction/project management, or other related field is required

Specific Job Requirements:

- Ability to work independently or as a team in diverse, sometimes unstructured and/or stressful, settings;
- Ability to multi-task and service multiple clients while maintaining a positive attitude;
- Hard-working, reliable, and able to follow oral/ written instruction with great attention to detail;
- Good hand skills with prior experience using hand tools and power tools is strongly preferred;
- Experience with art making or handling, historic preservation, or conservation treatments, is strongly preferred;
- Good interpersonal, communication, organizational, analytical, and research skills;
- Competent working and handling fragile and delicate objects;
- U.S. Citizen or legally able to work in the United States; Ability to pass a security background check and/or obtain Federal security clearance required.

Successful candidates also must be physically able to:

- Lift 50 lbs or more in a safe manner; Carry field equipment and supplies to job site;
- Walk, stand, sit, kneel, or bend for extended periods of time;
- Work outside, in variety of weather and climate conditions;
- Work long hours, weekends and/or nights; occasional overnight stays up to 2 weeks;
- Work at heights on scaffolding or aerial lift;
- Work safely with chemicals;
- Pass a drug test (if the job site requires it); Lead exposure blood testing may be required;
- Operate vehicles and machinery in a safe and efficient manner; Must have a valid U.S. Drivers License;
- Adhere to studio, shop, and job-site safety protocols at all times

Pay: Full-Time $16-20/hr based on experience

HOW TO APPLY

Send cover letter and resume to Terri Sibo-Koenig at terri@bldgconservation.com