



the AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN SEAFARERS PROJECT

FISHERIES
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OF THE
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Black Loyalist
HERITAGE CENTRE
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Seeking an African Nova Scotian Historical Researcher

People of African descent have been living and working in Nova Scotia for over four hundred years, and have been involved in virtually every aspect of marine industry. Still, the experiences and contributions of African Nova Scotian seafarers and their coastal communities have remained absent from virtually all comprehensive bodies of research regarding maritime industry. Recognizing this inequity, the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre, the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia, and the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic are collaborating on the development of a province-wide travelling exhibition aimed at elevating the stories of African Nova Scotians and their connections to the sea. By working in direct partnership with Black organizations and communities, and by addressing critical research gaps, we hope to bring greater equity to the history of an industry intrinsically connected to this province's cultural identity.

The program will cover topics within a broad timespan, ranging from the earliest days of Black seafaring in Nova Scotia until the present day and include site-specific content related directly to the host organization's immediate surroundings. To be done effectively and appropriately we will consider the nuances of intersectionality, and will discuss the experiences of a multiplicity of individuals. We intend to highlight the stories of people who built vessels, owned them, and worked aboard them, but also showcase the contributions of those who worked within processing plants, fish-box mills, and other associated industries. We will explore the social implications of marine trades, and the rituals, routines, and general rhythms of life for the families and other households who relied on the sea for their livelihood and wellbeing.

We are looking for a qualified individual to assist in historical research and content development. Is this a fit good for you? If so, we would love to hear from you.

Responsibilities

The successful candidate will:

- Conduct archival research reflective of African Nova Scotian's rich and lengthy seafaring history
- Identify significant stories, individuals, events, and time periods, and write short summaries of each.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of intersectionality within historical research
- Attend regular committee meetings
- Collaborate with project partners and community members
- Compile their work into a final report

Timeline

This project is to be completed by August 31st, 2022.

Please note:

- A successful candidate will be contracted by the Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic, but will also work with and report to the Black Loyalist Heritage Society, and the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia.
- There may be an opportunity for a second phase of this project if additional funding is secured.
- The Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic will retain ownership of research material produced under this contract and will share it freely with project partners.

Application Process:

To apply for this position, please send us a formal email stating your interest, and outlining who you are, your qualifications, fees, and what prior experience(s) make you the right person for this project.

Please note: To support the ideals of this project and our continued work to build relationships across communities to reflect the diversity of Nova Scotia in our work, we seek to build a team that reflects the diversity of Nova Scotians. For this reason, this position has a priority designation for people who identify as African Nova Scotians and/or of Black / African Descent.

If you have any questions, require further information, or would like to apply for this position, please email [**Adrian.Morrison@novascotia.ca**](mailto:Adrian.Morrison@novascotia.ca)