



### [Bellevue House National Historic Site](#)

Bellevue House is a place where Canadians can explore the complex legacy of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, and share in conversations about Canadian history. Built in the early 1840s, and designated as a National Historic Site for its Italianate architecture and its association with Macdonald, the historic house was home to the wealthy and powerful of Canada's first capital. At the site, visitors are invited to contemplate Canada's colonial origins and the impacts of government policies in the creation of a country. Set in a quiet Kingston neighbourhood, the tranquil grounds offer an experience in themselves, surrounded by an orchard, heritage gardens, and a cool breeze off Lake Ontario.

#### **Description of Internship:**

This internship will offer students experience with planning, adapting, and developing interpretive presentations, programs and interactive activities. Their completed project will contribute to providing visitors to Bellevue House opportunities to learn, discover and appreciate the history of the place along with its natural and cultural heritage, and to understand the importance of historic sites and their significance to Canada.

The intern has two options to work with the site and develop their experience according to their future career goals.

#### **Option 1: Heritage Education Program Development**

Bellevue House is seeking to increase its outreach by developing virtual and in-person components for school programs.

- The purpose is to produce in person, historical, curriculum-based school program to be offered to local and visiting classes.
- The intern will produce activities with a range of video, audio, and textual content to support the development of school programs at Bellevue House for elementary and high-school-aged youth.

\*\* The intern will also assist with other site duties as they arise to contribute to their experience at a Parks Canada National Historic Site to benefit their skills development for future career opportunities.



Key skills:

- Interest in history
- Ability to work independently
- Strong research, organizational and oral and written communication skills
- Experience with audio and video recording equipment

Asset skills (not required):

- Experience in the development and/or delivery of cultural and/or natural heritage programs
- Knowledge of French

**Conditions**

The student will be required to complete and sign an Individual Volunteer Form and will participate fully in onboarding and orientation at the beginning of their placement.

A security screening is required and will be completed before the start of the internship.

This placement will occur at Bellevue House National Historic Site (35 Centre Street, Kingston ON – a short distance from the Queen’s campus) with the possibility of some remote work. The student must provide their own computer for remote work.

Dates and times of work will be determined by Bellevue House management. The intern’s class schedule will be taken into consideration.

The student will report to site leadership (National Historic Site Manager and Interpretation Officer/Coordinator) and will participate in weekly progress meetings.

The student will be considered a volunteer and will not receive wages. It is up to the student to ensure that their volunteer tasks count toward their academic requirements.

Some on site attendance will be required. Compliance with all COVID-19 health and site safety protocols is mandatory. The student will be expected to adhere to all occupational health and safety conventions.