



## **Research Curator/Archivist - Textiles**

**Reports to:** Head of Curation & Exhibition and Head of Collections

**Role type:** Full -Time

**Location:** Bangalore

**Role Commencement:** Immediate

### **About MAP**

The Museum of Art & Photography (MAP) is one of India's first major museums of South Asian visual culture. The museum is housed in a state-of-the-art, 44,000 square foot building, designed by the acclaimed Indian architectural practice Matthew & Ghosh, on a landmark site at the heart of Bengaluru's museum district. MAP's five-story building on Kasturba Road includes multiple galleries where the collection is displayed, an auditorium, an art and research library, an education centre, a specialised research and conservation facility, as well as a café.

MAP is custodian to a growing collection of over 60,000 artworks that take viewers on a comprehensive journey of Indian art and culture. Predominantly from South Asia and dating from the 10th century to the present, the collection includes paintings, sculptures, textiles, photographs and more.

MAP's mission is to take art and culture to the heart of the community, making it accessible to diverse audiences, and to create a museum-going culture that encourages people to experience art and heritage in new ways. The museum is a space for ideas and conversations that are initiated through its collection, enabling the museum to engage with audiences in multiple ways. MAP seeks to inspire people to interact with art in ways that encourage humanity, empathy and a deeper understanding of the world we live in.



With a focus on accessibility for people with disabilities, and technological tools to make the museum relevant and exciting, MAP ensures a holistic experience for visitors of all ages.

Having launched online in December 2020, at the height of the pandemic, as India's only digital-first museum, MAP has been bringing its collection to life through multiple pathways, from online exhibitions to a range of articles and essays, collaborations with museums around the world, engaging talks by leading industry figures, and educational resources for kids and adults.

### **Role Overview**

As a Research Curator you will be responsible for researching, conserving, and curating the textile collection at MAP. This role offers a unique opportunity to contribute to the preservation and presentation of South Asia's rich textile heritage. As part of your work within the Exhibitions team, you'll spearhead the accessibility and content creation aspects of our exhibitions. This involves conducting in-depth research, crafting compelling descriptions for showcased artworks, and proposing new exhibitions aligned with your expertise in the field of textiles. You'll collaborate with translators and proofreaders to ensure accuracy, contribute to digital exhibitions, and maintain audio guides. Additionally, you'll provide content support for Bloomberg Connect.

In the Collections realm, you'll meticulously document and catalogue artworks, digitise information, and manage inventory. Collaborating closely with the Collections and Conservation team, you'll ensure the care and maintenance of displayed and stored objects. You'll report damages for restoration, assist in artwork movement, and facilitate access to object information for various departments. Additionally, you'll offer guided tours, develop proposals for collection management, and may travel for research purposes as required.

## **Duties and Responsibilities:**

### **Exhibitions:**

It is the responsibility of each member of the Exhibitions Team to ensure accessibility for exhibitions and related events, to support publications, to conduct walkthroughs, to support the installation of exhibitions and to coordinate with other teams on cataloguing and artwork information, social media, education and events, and development.

- To conduct research and write content related to the exhibitions
- To write descriptions for the artwork included in the exhibitions
- To develop proposals for specific exhibitions based on the curator's expertise
- To coordinate with translators and proofreaders to ensure accuracy in written materials
- To provide support for digital exhibitions or specific galleries
- To assist in the creation and maintenance of audio guides and descriptions for the exhibitions
- To provide content support for Bloomberg Connects

### **Collections:**

- To accurately document and catalogue artworks
- To digitise artwork information on the Museum's Collections Management System
- To aid in inventory management of the collection
- To research and ensure that descriptions and catalogue notes are duly entered into the Collections Management System
- To work with the Collections and Conservation team in the care and maintenance of objects on display and storage
- To report/ coordinate with the Registrar for any damages and repairs to the works for restoration/conservation
- To support in artwork movement



- To provide access to objects information to various departments in MAP, including Education & Outreach, Exhibitions, PR & Communications, Development & Inclusion, and Technology
- To provide guided tours and walkthroughs of the museum
- To develop proposals for care and management of specific collections
- Travel for research if/whenever required by the Department

## **Requirements**

- Degree in Curatorial Studies, Art Management, Art History, Museum Studies, Textile Design, Fashion History or related field preferred.
- 2-3 years of experience in curatorial work, archival management, or museum collections management.
- Strong research abilities for exhibition and collection development.
- Excellent writing skills for exhibition content, artwork descriptions, and catalogue entries.
- Multilingual proficiency is advantageous for translations.
- Familiarity with digital tools and databases for collections management.
- Strong organisational abilities for multitasking and record-keeping.
- Basic understanding of conservation practices.
- Effective collaboration with colleagues, artists, and stakeholders.
- Willingness to adapt to changing priorities and occasional travel.

## **Equality & Diversity**

MAP is an equal opportunities employer. We oppose all forms of discrimination and believe that all people, regardless of their identity or membership of any group deserve to be treated equally, consistently and fairly. We welcome creativity, excellence and different perspectives that individuals of all backgrounds and abilities bring to our work.