



Textiles Conservator (Rehousing Project)

Reports to: HOD - Collections

Role Type: Contract (4 months)

Location: Bangalore

Role Commencement: Immediately

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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's collection includes more than 100,000 works predominantly from the South Asian region: modern and contemporary art, living traditions, textiles, craft and design, pop culture, pre modern art and photography, dating from the tenth century to contemporary times.

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 and abilities. 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 a range of educational resources.



Role Overview

The textile collection at MAP is being rehoused in a new facility for long-term preservation. MAP is seeking a Textiles Conservator to plan and execute the rehousing of a collection of over 3000 textiles into rolled and flat storage. The ideal candidate will have an eye for object care and establish workflows to train a team and manage the rehousing of textiles till completion.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead a team of art handlers to execute the rehousing of textile artworks into archival storage.
- Anticipate and plan for long term preservation of textiles in a timely manner.
- Establish best practices for flat storage of small and medium textiles and rolled storage of large textiles.
- Train the in-house team to maintain storage with optimal environmental levels including temperature, humidity, pest control amongst other conditions.
- Liaison with experts in the industry to carry out the above tasks
- Contributing to support organisational development with active participation in nominated activities and assignments from time to time.

Preferred Skills and Abilities

We invite applications from candidates who:

- Hold a Bachelor's or Master's degree in art history, conservation, museology or related fields.
- Have at least 2 years of experience in textile conservation for an individual or an institution.
- Familiar with textile storage techniques for different materials such as brocades, block print, cottons, silks, woollens, rugs/carpets, embroideries, costumes such as blouses, kurtas, pants, etc.
- Knowledge of environmental monitoring techniques for textile preservation

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.

Application and nomination process

To apply, fill in the application form [here](#).

Please note that only shortlisted candidates will receive confirmation via email. Following this, they will be invited for interviews. The role will commence immediately. Please write to hr@map-india.org with any queries you may have.