



Smithsonian Program for Asian Pacific American Studies

Position Available: Researcher/Writer
Closing date: March 15, 2005

The Smithsonian Institution Asian Pacific American Program (APA Program) seeks a scholar of Vietnamese American History and Culture to provide leadership in planning an exhibition on that topic. The exhibit will be primarily two-dimensional but include some artifacts in approximately 3-4,000 square feet. This person will be hired as an independent contractor beginning on or about April 15, 2005 to October 15, 2006, a period of 18 months. Maximum compensation is \$60,000 for the 18 month period. This is a contract position with no benefits.

Duties of the Contractor include reviewing appropriate resources, including scholarly and popular literature, moving images, archives, museums, community group leaders and collections and any other appropriate sites. The contractor will develop themes and prepare drafts for the exhibition script. Other duties include research, writing press releases and other media relations, community liaison, briefings to museum and academic colleagues. Some travel will be required. Contractor will provide weekly progress reports to the Director of the APA Program and coordinate occasional meetings with academic, museum, and community advisors.

Minimum Qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent in subject matter; knowledge of and established relationships with Vietnamese American specialists and communities; excellent verbal and writing English skills; ability to speak and read Vietnamese.

Desirable Qualifications: museum experience; professional relationships with Vietnamese American academic and community groups.

To apply for this position, please send a cover letter with your resume to Franklin Odo, Director, Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, A&I, Room 2467, MRC: 440, Washington, DC 20013-7012. All applications must be postmarked and/or received by the closing date.

For more information, please call the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program at (202)786-2409.

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