

Smithsonian Exhibits, Smithsonian Institution
Senior Exhibits Designer

GENERAL STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES:

Smithsonian Exhibits, the Smithsonian's full-service design, development, and production unit, seeks a lead designer for permanent, temporary and traveling exhibitions at the Smithsonian Institution.

The candidate will serve as an anchor for the exhibit project team and function at the center of the process, brainstorming, conceptualizing, and leading the group through the successive design phases, as well as developing the technical and mechanical elements required to create final design solutions that are engaging, accessible, memorable and buildable on time and on budget. The position requires knowledge/skills on a broad range of topics from exhibition development strategies, fabrication, conservation, graphics, lighting, and security to general construction methods and architectural drafting standards.

The job requires a high degree of diplomacy, tact, attention to detail, organizational skills and creativity with the ability to synthesize and manage conflicting interests and opinions.

Knowledge of all phases of exhibition development and design is required. Experience working with exhibition fabricators is a plus.

This is a permanent Trust position.

Primary Responsibilities and Duties include:

- Designing a wide range of exhibitions in varied subject matter and sizes
- Conceptualizing and presenting ideas both verbally and visually
- Working collaboratively with clients, colleagues, contractors, and staff
- Managing time to effectively work on multiple projects simultaneously

Experience and Skills:

- Minimum 8 years' experience working in museums.
- High level of three-dimensional designing and drawing
- Excellent organization
- Excellent creativity
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills

Knowledge and Education:

- CAD (Vectorworks preferred), Adobe CC, MS Office Required
- Knowledge of exhibit-making trades and standards
- College degree, preferably in Museum Studies, Design, Architecture

Job Information

Location: Landover, MD

Salary: \$68,036 to \$88,450 / Per Year

Dates: Open until filled

