



National Historic Ships UK
Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership 2 (SHTP 2)
Cutty Sark – 8-month Museum Shipkeeping Traineeship

Project Overview:

The Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership (SHTP 2) offers the opportunity for a new generation to develop the vanishing skills and knowledge essential for maintaining, handling and conserving historic vessels.

Funded by the 'Skills for the Future' National Lottery Heritage Fund programme, the project provides 16 vocational-based training placements in the maritime heritage sector. Trainees will have the opportunity to learn either the on-board specialist skills used in operating and maintaining historic sailing vessels, or the skills and ethical approaches related to museum shipkeeping.

Cutty Sark, Royal Museums Greenwich is one of eight partner organisations of the SHTP 2 project, who will each support a successful trainee. Based in Greenwich, London, the trainee will work alongside the shipkeeping team to learn traditional and modern maintenance skills including use of specialist tools, materials, and techniques.

Whilst being based at the *Cutty Sark* for the majority of the traineeship, the trainee will spend time on other historic ships within the partnership through a rotation programme and have the opportunity to participate in a varied training programme, professional development and external courses.

Key Responsibilities:

- Taking part in vessel conservation and preservation as a full member of the team, including maintenance, documentation and ongoing shipkeeping work
- Ensuring good working practise including maintaining tools and materials and ensuring a clean and tidy work environment
- Ensure that health and safety requirements are observed including risk and COSHH assessments for both visitors and staff in line with Royal Museums Greenwich policies
- Taking part in rotation and other activities to gain a rounded experience and understanding of different historic vessels and maritime heritage organisations
- Completing the NHS-UK Historic Vessel Conservation course and competency units in operating & maintaining historic vessels
- Being responsible for the health and safety of oneself and others
- Assisting in welcoming visitors of all backgrounds, including school groups
- Providing monthly blog placement updates and contributing to the overall promotion of the SHTP2 project
- Participation in masterclasses and training courses provided by the project



Entry Requirements:

Essential

- Grade C or above in GCSE or equivalent in English and Maths
- Being flexible, self-motivated, disciplined with a willingness to learn and gain new skills
- Passionate about a long-term career in historic vessels and maritime heritage
- The ability to work independently and as part of a team, with good people skills
- Physical fitness, good at practical tasks and a willingness to get involved
- Willingness to travel, as well as being away on a sailing vessel for a period of up to a week at a time and undertake flexible hours as required
- Able to communicate effectively in English, both verbally and in writing, to understand instructions for equipment and processes
- A good level of organisational and problem-solving skills

Desirable

- Confidence in dealing with a wide range of people
- Computer literacy: knowledge of using standard word processing packages, email systems and the internet
- Previous experience of working in the maritime heritage or industrial heritage sectors

Terms:

This traineeship will run from February 2020 to October 2020. Working hours will be 08:00 – 16:00, Monday-Friday.

The trainees will receive a tax free bursary of £12,000 over an 8-month period (£1500 paid at the end of each month). The trainee is expected to cover accommodation, living and any travel costs not associated with the project from this bursary. Should the trainee not complete the traineeship, for any reason, all or part of these costs may be recoverable by NHS-UK. The trainee will be eligible for further funding to cover the costs of professional development, plus tools and equipment, out of the project budget.

Periods of leave are included within the 8-month placement, and are to be agreed with placement providers.

The successful trainee will be subject to an enhanced DBS check as part of the appointment process.

This traineeship is managed by National Historic Ships UK and overseen by the SHTP 2 Project Co-ordinator. On a day to day basis the trainee will be supervised by the Shipkeeping Manager at the *Cutty Sark*. Pastoral support will be provided.