



National Historic Ships UK
Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership 2 (SHTP 2)
Cutty Sark - Museum Ship Keeping Traineeship

Project Overview:

The Shipshape Heritage Training Partnership Project (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 vocational-based 12-month training placements in the maritime heritage sector. The project will provide trainees with 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.

The *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, including external courses and vessel rotations.

Key Responsibilities:

- Taking part in vessel conservation and preservation as a full member of the team, including maintenance, documentation and ongoing shipkeeping
- 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 a 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 at sea 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:

The term of the traineeship will run from October 2019 to October 2020. The guided learning hours are based on a maximum of 48 hours per week on average with hours to be agreed with the placement provider.

Tax free bursary of £12,000; trainees are expected to cover their accommodation and any travel costs not associated with the project from this bursary. Should trainees not complete the course for any reason, all or part of these costs may be recoverable by NHS-UK.

There will be a set holiday period at Christmas for two weeks and additional opportunities for breaks as agreed with placement providers.

The trainee may be required to be based on, or travel to any partner vessel or museum.

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

This traineeship will be overseen by the NHS-UK Project Co-ordinator. On a day to day basis this traineeship will be supervised by the Shipkeeping Manager at the *Cutty Sark*. Pastoral support will be provided.