



Smithsonian Institution
National Air and Space Museum

MUSEUM CURATOR – NAVAL AVIATION
IS-1015-11

Duty Location

Washington, DC

Salary Range

\$64,650 - \$84,044 / Per Year

Work Schedule

Full-Time, Temporary Trust not to exceed 5
years

Series & Grade

IS-1015-11

Supervisory Status

No

The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum invites applications for a Curator of U. S. Naval Aviation, IS-11 level.

The Curator of U. S. Naval Aviation within the Aeronautics Department is a 5 year term position and serves as the focal point for historical research and publication, collections, exhibitions, and museum service related to naval aviation. The incumbent performs curatorial tasks and oversees the museum's U. S. naval aviation collections, to include U. S Navy and U. S. Marine aircraft and components and parts of these aircraft. The Curator conducts scholarly and technical research on the history of naval aviation resulting in historical contributions to the body of knowledge. He or she maintains a balanced representation of museum artifacts representing the design, technology, and historical significance of naval aviation; and plays a role in researching, conceptualizing, and scripting exhibits. In service to the museum, curators prepare and deliver presentations for the public and respond to requests for information as needed.

The National Air and Space Museum collects, preserves, studies, and exhibits artifacts, archival materials, and works of art related to the history, culture, and science and technology of aviation and spaceflight and the study of the universe. Its research and outreach activities serve all audiences, within and beyond its walls. The Museum commemorates the past and is committed to educating and inspiring people to foster appreciation for the importance of flight to humanity. NASM provides access to the nation's aviation and space flight history to an average of 7-9 million on-site visitors from around the world each year, making it one of the most visited museums in the world. In addition, NASM draws tens of millions of virtual visitors to its website and broadcast and webcast educational programming

Qualified candidates will successfully demonstrate the ability to perform scholarly historical research as evidenced by authorship of professional papers or other scholarly publications and presentations. They will also possess knowledge of the development of collections, publications, exhibitions, and public or scholarly programs related to aviation history or the history of science/technology. Candidates must also demonstrate knowledge of museum standards related to collections management practices applied to an artifact collection and exhibits creation. The ability

to communicate orally in a variety of settings (e.g. community and scholarly forums) as a professional historian is required.

Candidates may qualify for this position by demonstrating the experience outlined above, by completion of three full years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. or equivalent doctoral degree *related* to the position, or by a combination of experience and education.

The Smithsonian Institution offers a competitive salary and a comprehensive package of benefits. This is not a Federal Position, but has similar requirements and benefits. Interested candidates should submit their resumes, a cover letter, and educational transcripts by August 10, 2016 to NASMStaffing@si.edu

The Smithsonian Institution is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Candidates of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.