



### **Curator, African American and Automotive**

The Curator is a full-time, exempt contract position funded for two years with the possibility of extension. This role will be a key member of the curatorial team that will deliver an exhibition, online content, and educational materials centered on themes of African American contribution to the automotive industry and the impact of the automotive industry on Black communities. While most of the effort is focused on U.S. individuals and communities, the global impact of and on Black and Brown communities will also be included.

We are looking for a dynamic team member that will focus on delivering exhibitions and content curation aligned with AHF's key pillars: Education, Workforce, DEI and Sustainability. The Hall is undertaking a significant fund-raising effort and is meeting with very positive results. This investment will enable the Hall to transform its current physical footprint and web-based footprint and create a series of dynamic digital engagements to enhance its digital and physical presence. This includes learning modules for teachers and mobile digital engagements.

These efforts will allow the Hall to broadly distribute the Hall's message and accomplish its mission. This position will be immediately tasked with the content curation of Black Invention, Innovation, and Leadership in Automotive (working title) an exhibition, online content, and wrap-around educational resources.

### **Preferred Training and Experience:**

- Strong record of research and scholarship, with an emphasis on African Americans and people of African descent, and their contributions to the automotive industry
- 5+ years demonstrated experience in working with partners and community organizations to curate and structure these historical stories
- M.A. degree in related field from an accredited college or university preferred
- The selected candidate will have some project management skills. The management of this project will be established and tracked by the VP of Operations and New Programs.
- The candidate must be a good cross-functional team member. This assignment requires working collaboratively with a small, hard-working team, key partners, outside suppliers and a very engaged board. As such, we're seeking a strong communicator – both orally and in writing – as well as a team member who listens and helps identify and develop the best ideas.

### **Primary Duties of the Historian, African American and Automotive:**

- Develop, research, expand, and present the stories of Black Invention, Innovation and Leadership in Automotive. This may include proposing acquisitions and establishing collections
- Devises public programs, design tours, and other educational materials for the public
- Manage/Collaborate with content partners and advisors
- Maintain and update physical and digital departmental records
- Design tours and other educational materials for the public
- Program documentation



- Collaborate with operations, marketing and donor relations on related projects and commissions, as well as exhibition installation
- Prepares general and scholarly publications on the collection and exhibition
- Support the Development Department's efforts to cultivate existing and prospective patrons and identify, apply for and report on grant funded activities
- Advise marketing and communication plans
- Prepare presentations and reports for staff and board meetings

**Required Software and Special Systems Knowledge:**

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Experience in Digital Asset Management
- Knowledgeable about new technology and creating digital spaces

**Term:** Full-Time, salaried

**Benefits:** Vacation with additional paid time off package and paid holidays observed by the Automotive Hall of Fame. Health benefits available.

**Conditions:** In-person position, virtual flexibility available. Some travel, on occasion, for research and conferences.

**Application:** To apply for this position, [click here](#).

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### **About the Automotive Hall of Fame**

The mission of the Automotive Hall of Fame is to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of individuals in the international motor vehicle industry through awards and educational programs that challenge young and old alike to higher levels of personal achievement.

It began in 1939 as the “Automobile Old Timers” association in New York, NY. Its mission was to perpetuate the memories of the early automotive pioneers. It moved to Washington, DC in 1960, and then Midland, MI in 1971 before moving to its current location in Dearborn, MI in 1997.

The Hall of Fame building is 25,000 square foot museum with exhibits and information honoring its awardees. The exhibits illustrate major automotive contributions and innovations by men and women from around the world. Since its founding in 1939, AHF has honored nearly 800 men and women.

The Hall of Fame also has a digital presence with a website, blog, emails and social media that tell stories of the people behind the automotive industry and the vehicles, innovations and technology that they have influenced. This includes stories, biographies, photo galleries, videos and more that are continuously updated to keep stories fresh and relevant for the visitors.