

Historic St. Mary's City

Job Posting: Archaeological Field Technician, St. Mary's Fort Site

Why Work Here?

Historic St. Mary's City is located on the St. Mary's River, in a beautiful tidewater landscape of water, rolling hills, farmland, and forest. The 835-acre living history and archaeology museum is on the site of Maryland's first capital (1634-1695). Our team is fortunate to build upon decades of cutting-edge research, with recreated structures in the historic town center, a Woodland Indian hamlet, a tall ship, and a tobacco plantation staffed by costumed or uniformed interpreters who help visitors understand the stories of Maryland's history. Ongoing archaeological excavations continue to reveal new information about life in the past, and a new visitors center, the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center, will come online in 2026. The museum has identified more than 300 archaeological sites within the St. Mary's City National Historic Landmark (NHL) and curates more than 6.5 million artifacts representing millennia of human history.

The museum is one of Southern Maryland's leading tourism attractions and hosts an active school tour program. Its collections are a resource for professional archaeologists, scholars, and college students. The HSMCC historical archaeology field school, one of the longest-running field schools in the nation, attracts students from all over the United States, as well as from other countries. The museum is overseen by the Historic St. Mary's City Commission (HSMCC), an independent agency of the State of Maryland, under the Office of the Governor. Although the Commission is state funded, external grants and philanthropy are increasingly important sources of support for operating and capital funding.

Salary: \$20.00 Hourly

FLSA Status: Non - Exempt; Contractual; Full-time (40 hrs./wk.)

Reports to: Site Director, St. Mary's Fort Site

Work Conditions: Primarily outdoors with periodic indoor work

Benefits: Subsidized Health Benefits, Limited Sick and Safe Leave

What We Are Offering

- Work with a passionate, welcoming, energetic, and highly collaborative team.
- Stewardship of world-class archaeological, historical, and living history resources.
- 40-hour work week
- **Subsidized** Health Benefits to include medical, prescription, dental, and flexible spending accounts.
- Medical plans include EPO, PPO and IHM options.
- Limited Sick and Safe Leave.

Duties/Responsibilities

Archaeological Technicians work under the Site Director towards fulfilling the Historic St. Mary's City Commission's (HSMCC) mission to *preserve and protect the archaeological and historical record of Maryland's first colonial capital and to appropriately develop and use this historic and scenic site for the education, enjoyment, and general benefit of the public.*

Archaeological Technicians operate within the Department of Research and Collections, comprised of an active field archaeology program, curatorial research and interpretation, preservation and management of artefactual and environmental collections, public educational programs, and publications. Under direction of the Site Director: conducts Phase III excavations at the St. Mary's Fort Site and nearby archaeological sites; works with project staff, volunteers, and students; conducts archaeological laboratory processing and data entry. This position pays \$20/hour and is full-time (40 hours per week), non-exempt.

Qualifications

- B.A. in Archaeology, Anthropology, History, or related field.
- Experience on Phase III archaeological investigations preferred.
- Completion of an archaeological field school or equivalent experience and coursework.
- Experience with colonial and/or precolonial archaeology, architecture, and artifacts.
- Familiarity with the colonial history and archaeology of the Chesapeake region preferred.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to excel in a team-oriented environment.
- Personal desire and ability to engage the public in person and in digital formats.
- Ability to use computers, especially Microsoft Office software including Word, PowerPoint, and Excel.
- A willingness to learn and adopt new technological tools to serve the museum's Research and Collections program.

To apply please submit your resume, cover letter, and three references to:
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To ensure full consideration, applications should be received by July 10, 2026.

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It is unlikely that any one candidate will be perfect for this job, as the skills and experience needed to be successful exist on a spectrum. Frequently cited statistics show that candidates with disabilities, BIPOC candidates, women, and members of marginalized and/or systematically excluded groups apply to jobs only if they meet 100% of the qualifications. It is rare for anyone to meet 100% of the qualifications, so if this position interests you, you have relevant experience, and are confident that you can do the job, please just apply.