

TOURS 2019 SEASON

Apply to Participate

Since 1994, Heritage Toronto has run its Tours program to enhance the understanding and appreciation of Toronto's history. In 2019, we will further diversify our tour offerings – to tell as many stories of the people, places and events that make the city distinct.

We are so glad that you are interested in telling these stories of Toronto's past with us. Just as the City of Toronto proclaims "Diversity our Strength," the power of the Heritage Toronto Tours Program lays in its base of dedicated volunteers and the myriad of voices they present to the public.

What it means to be part of the Heritage Toronto Tour program:

In 2018 Heritage Toronto offered 61 tours between May and October, highlighting various neighbourhoods and communities throughout the city. By the end of this year's tour season approximately 2500 members of the public will have participated in our tours.

Partnering with Heritage Toronto offers tour leaders/developers particular advantages. Our tours are supported by the capacity building, administrative, technical, and logistical assistance of Heritage Toronto staff. We commit to providing clear communication, facilitate pertinent training and production, and to promote our tours through various channels.

Tour leaders will be required to attend training leading up to the 2019 Tour Season. Training and workshop dates will be scheduled for **March and April**, and will be held outside of normal business hours.

Emerging Historians

In 2017, Heritage Toronto launched the Emerging Historians program. This program was designed to facilitate networking and skills development for students and young professionals in the heritage sector. In 2018 we integrated this initiative into our tours program, providing a unique opportunity for select tour leaders to mentor and work collaboratively with emerging historians.

Tour leaders are paired with an emerging historian who has an established research in the subject matter of the tour. In their role we ask tour leaders to guide emerging historians in the process of script research and writing, support the development of communication skills, and provide regular feedback.

In the online application you will be asked to identify your interest in participating in this program. This opportunity is entirely voluntary, and has no bearing on the selection process. **Interest is not the same as signing up.**

Application Requirements:

ALL tour proposals must include the following material:

You will be asked to provide:

1. A brief description of your tour (50-100 words)
2. A brief (100-200 words) answer to the question:
Does your tour include stories of marginalized or underrepresented peoples in Toronto?
How do you incorporate these stories into your tour?

You will be asked to attach these files digitally to your online application form before hitting 'submit';

3. An outline of your tour. This could be as simple as a list of the 5 – 7 stops and main topics you'd like to discuss, or as advanced as a draft script.
4. A map showing the locations, including legal addresses, of your proposed tour route.

You will have ample opportunity to revisit your script, confirm your stop locations, and find additional photos/material leading up to the tour with assistance and training from our Programming staff.

Heritage Toronto would like to offer tours multiple times a season. The dates and number of tours will be finalized by staff in consultation with tour leaders after the application and selection process is completed.

Programming staff are available for consultation during the development of the tour proposal and following its acceptance into the program.

How to submit a Tour Proposal:

Complete the online form ([click here](#)), including the attachments (map, script, and images) no later than December 1, 2018.

Heritage Toronto will respond to all proposals by January 11, 2019.

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