

Open Call Internship, Sharing Our Stories

Winter 2025

This internship is sponsored by the Indigenous Internship Program at the [Office of Community Engagement](#). [Read more](#) about the program on our website!

Description of Organization

Established in 2022, “[Sharing Our Stories](#)” is a collection of stories told by Kanien’kehá:ka (Mohawk) elders and knowledge keepers rooted in the movement to replant the traditional language, culture, and history of the Indigenous community in Kahnawake and surrounding Kanien’kehá:ka communities. We translate each story into Kanien’kehá in order to help us with this project.

This project aims to create a teaching tool for generations to come. We have been collecting stories from residential and Indian day school survivors, Mohawk Warriors, medicine men and traditional healers, farmers and seed savers, educators, ironworkers, land defenders, artists, and more.

We are consulting storytellers throughout, taking time on our translations, and scoring archives to find information, records, maps, and photos that support the stories in our care.

Our mission is to empower Kanien’kehá:ka communities by collecting and preserving their stories, language, culture, and history. Through the publication of stories in both English and Kanien’kéha, we aim to foster cross-cultural understanding, nurture cultural traditions, and encourage community connection. Our project serves as a teaching tool - promoting respect, appreciation, and conservation of Indigenous culture, language and history for future generations.

Responsibilities and deliverables

This open call position will be adapted based on the intern’s specific skills and interests. Potential roles in the project can be transcriber, story collector, communications, community outreach or Kanien’kéha translator.

Assets and Requirements

General:

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Collaborative and team oriented
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office 365 (outlook, word, excel, teams)

Examples of skills depending on specific roles:

- Story collector: Strong and attentive listening and interview skills, Strong writing ability, with a talent for capturing the essence of oral narratives in written form, organized with the ability to manage multiple interviews and deadlines effectively
- Transcriber: Detail oriented and skilled in conducting thorough research and fact checking, ability to transcribe interviews accurately and efficiently, experience in archival work is an advantage

Duration: January 13th, 2025 - April 4th, 2025 (12 weeks)

Site of employment: Hybrid

**All OCE interns are also welcome to come [co-work at the SHIFT Centre](#) (LB-145) throughout the work week.*

Hours: 180 hours (15 hours/week)

Remuneration: \$3,600

Please note that the OCE internship payments are made as honorariums, sent in 2 instalments at mid-semester and the end of the semester.

Apply now through our application form with:

- A brief introductory summary of yourself
- A resume

Deadline: 8th December 2024 midnight