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## **Willard House & Clock Museum Announces New Curatorial Fellowship Program**

### **One-Year, Part-Time Fellowship Builds the Next Generation of Museum Professionals**

North Grafton, MA — The Willard House & Clock Museum today announced the launch of a new, one-year Curatorial Fellowship Program, a paid, part-time opportunity designed to provide emerging museum professionals with hands-on experience in collections care and museum operations within one of America’s most historically significant house museums.

Beginning in January 2026, the Curatorial Fellow will work three days per week under the direct supervision of Executive Director Robert C. Cheney, gaining in-depth exposure to all aspects of curatorial work and institutional management. The position offers an annual salary of \$30,000 and will run through December 2026.

“This fellowship represents our commitment to mentoring the next generation of museum professionals,” said Mr. Cheney. “It’s a rare opportunity to work closely with a nationally significant collection and to understand the operations of a small, specialized museum that continues to innovate while preserving American craftsmanship.”

The Willard House & Clock Museum is home to the world’s largest vetted collection of Willard clocks, with more than 90 timepieces representing the craftsmanship of the famed Willard family. The museum’s holdings also include period furniture, family portraits, documents, and the only surviving 18th-century clock workshop still standing in America—all housed within the original c.1718 Willard Homestead and adjoining modern galleries.

The Curatorial Fellowship emphasizes practical training in:

- Collections care and documentation
- Curatorial research and exhibit preparation
- Museum administration and ethics

- Interaction with museum leadership and trustees

## **Qualifications**

Ideal candidates will hold a bachelor's degree in the humanities, social sciences, or a related technical field, with 2–5 years of professional or graduate-level experience in museums, decorative arts, horology, or allied disciplines. Familiarity with clock mechanisms, collections management software, and digital tools is preferred.

Applications are due November 7, 2025, and the selected fellow will be announced on January 5, 2026. Interested applicants should send materials to [jobs@willardhouse.org](mailto:jobs@willardhouse.org).

About Willard House and Clock Museum Planning for the next 50 years.

Located at 11 Willard Street in North Grafton, MA, Willard House and Clock Museum exhibits more than 90 Willard clocks in the birthplace and original workshop of the Willard clockmakers, along with family portraits, furnishings and other family heirlooms. Works by all three generations of Willard clockmakers, and the famed clockmakers Simon Willard Jr. and Benjamin Franklin Willard, are also displayed. The Museum tour includes the Willard House, built in 1740, the original clock-making workshop, and three modern galleries.

Willard is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Visit the Willard House and Clock Museum website at [www.willardhouse.org](http://www.willardhouse.org)

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