



THE DAVID ROCHE FOUNDATION
HOUSE MUSEUM
ADELAIDE

Volunteer Guide Role Description

Role Title	Volunteer Guide
Supervisor	Museum Director
Location	241 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide, SA 5006
Duration of Role	Ongoing
Hours	Various (Tuesday – Saturday)

Purpose of Role

A Volunteer Guide is expected to regularly take approximately 1 hour tours for visitors and groups through Fermoy House, answer questions about the Foundation and Collection, and monitor visitors and art works during tours. They should enjoy learning about fine and decorative arts, engaging with visitors and providing them an enjoyable and memorable experience.

The David Roche Foundation Overview

The David Roche Foundation was established in 1999 by the late Mr David J Roche AM (1930-2013) to be the recipient and custodian of the exceptional collection of antiques, paintings and objets d'art accumulated by him over his lifetime and to be preserved for future generations.

David Roche's home, *Fermoy House*, on Melbourne Street, North Adelaide and the new, adjoining gallery space, constitute the exceptional art institution known as The David Roche Foundation House Museum and make the collection accessible to the public. The magnificent pieces contained in the collection, particularly those from past centuries, are presented in an opulent manner, reminiscent of how David lived in *Fermoy House*. The museum's gallery space is utilised to present a regular schedule of high quality temporary exhibitions, some connected to the collection, others entirely independent of it.

Key Tasks

- Conduct tours of house museum (Fermoy House). Answer questions and provide art related information to visitors.
- Conduct tours of gallery exhibition (as required).
- Interact with visitors and engage with them.
- Monitor visitors and art on tours.
- Attend monthly guide meetings (first Monday of the month).
- Promote the House Museum and Collection within the Community.
- Maintain a high level of professionalism.

What you will gain from this role

- In-depth knowledge of 18th and 19th century European fine and decorative arts and history relating to the collection
- Develop your skills and experience within a museum and gallery setting
- Working with a friendly team
- Interacting with local, national and international visitors
- Enhancing your communication skills
- Personal satisfaction of helping visitors have an enjoyable and memorable experience
- Volunteering in a beautiful environment

Skills & Knowledge

- Friendly and approachable with the ability to interact positively with people
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- An interest in antiques and historical fine and decorative arts
- A love of learning and conducting researching
- Good memory
- Good time-keeping
- Reliable
- Flexible
- Well presented
- Comfortable working as part of a team
- Ability to speak English fluently

Desirable but not essential

- Previous experience in a similar or related role

Training & Additional Requirements

- Guides are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Guides are required to undergo a police check prior to commencing the role
- Guides will receive training to carry out the role
- Guides are expected to regularly attend monthly guide meetings (first Monday of the month)
- Guides are encouraged to attend TDRF lectures
- Guides should be well-presented in a smart but casual appearance. It is advisable to wear comfortable shoes as you will be on your feet for long periods of time.

Additional Information

- Guides are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs to and from the museum
- Guides are to provide their own food

How to Apply

- To express interest in the role, or for more information, please contact info@rochefoundation.org.au