

## 2019/2020 Museum School London Application Package

Embark on an unforgettable week of curriculum-based learning in a local museum or heritage site. Now entering its 14th year, Museum School London allows teachers to make one of 10 local museums or heritage sites their classroom for 4 or 5 days of hands-on, experiential learning.

Please review the below information before proceeding with your application. In this package you will find the program's guidelines, philosophy, and goals, as well as the descriptions of each of the sites.

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If you have any questions about the application or program, please contact:

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## SCHOOL LONDON

*Celebrating 13 years of supporting hands-on learning*

During the 2018/2019 school year, students from **48 classes** from **36 schools** across **2 school boards** benefited from week-long programming at **11 local museums and heritage sites**. The London Heritage Council is pursuing new opportunities to expand the program and continue to lower access barriers for all schools.



Over  
**9000**  
students have participated since its launch in 2005



**1204**  
students are participating in 2018/2019



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- Grade 5 Teacher

**2**  
new museums were added in 2016/2017



**53%**  
increase in applications in 2018/2019



## About Museum School London

### Our Philosophy

Museum School London (MSL) believes in breaking down the barriers between the world of museums and the world of classrooms. To do this, we provide opportunities for interdisciplinary and experiential learning by moving classrooms into local museums or heritage sites for a week of innovative programming. Students and teachers engage with the site, have meaningful conversations, and are able to slow down and reflect upon the experience. Through all of this, the site becomes a catalyst for making connections that extend beyond the classroom and into the world-at-large.

### Our Goals

- Bring students, teachers, and museums together to create shared educational experiences and increase opportunities for collaboration between teachers, heritage professionals and their local heritage community
- Foster opportunities for students to take control of their own learning and to make connections that go beyond the classroom
- To combine experiential learning and time for reflection, allowing students to better process information and make meaning of their experiences
- Provide teachers with ideal environments for experiential and cross-curricular learning
- Create a stronger sense of local community engagement, building a deeper appreciation of the history of both London and Canada
- Reduce barriers that prevent London-area youth from engaging with our local heritage

### About the Program

Museum School London provides elementary students with an unforgettable week of learning and discovery. This innovative approach to education allows teachers to move their classrooms into a museum setting for a full week of curriculum-based experiential learning, making the arts, science, and Canadian history come to life.

MSL allows students to experience their lessons in a real-world environment where they feel engaged and are more likely to remember their lessons and push their learning to the next level. A grade 5 teacher who participated in the program stated that "...from a student learning perspective, this program offered hands-on activities and unique experiences that could not be replicated in a regular classroom setting." The rareness and importance of the MSL program

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was reiterated by a parent volunteer who wrote, “My son learned more this week by living the experience than sitting in a regular classroom writing down facts.”

Founded as the result of a collaboration between a number of London-area museums in 2005, the first Museum School London pilot program involved 178 elementary students from the Thames Valley District School Board and the London District Catholic School Board. In the past 13 years, nearly 10,000 students from both school boards have benefited from a MSL week. In 2018/2019, 48 classes were able to enjoy this remarkable opportunity for hands-on learning.

During a MSL week, students and teachers will:

- Experience one of London's unique heritage sites
- Participate in hands-on curriculum co-developed by teachers and museum staff
- Connect with the curriculum by seeing first-hand how what they are learning applies in their community

MSL promotes the use of experience journals to encourage students to slow down, observe, reflect, and make connections to the world beyond the classroom. This interactive, award winning program enables students to develop their writing, problem solving, and critical thinking skills.

### **Program Guidelines**

#### Program Fees

The cost of one MSL week is \$1750, plus transportation. Thanks to our donors and sponsors, we are able to subsidize the program for participating classes by \$1500, making the school's self-pay portion for the program \$250. This fee is non-negotiable and cannot be waived. The \$250 program fee is due, at minimum, two weeks prior to your class' MSL week.

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#### Transportation

We recognize that busing is a large barrier to participation in MSL. We are able to offer bus subsidies, up to \$500 per class. We have a finite number of subsidies available each year and cannot guarantee bus subsidies for all participating schools. Bus subsidy applications are available after you have been accepted into the program.

Schools are responsible for booking and paying the bus invoices. Bus invoices should not be addressed or sent to the London Heritage Council. Bus subsidy reimbursement information

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must be received within 4 weeks of your trip or your subsidy offer will be void and offered to another school.

### Cancellation Policy

Notice of cancellation of your MSL week must be received in writing at least one month prior to the start of your week. With the exception of emergency situations, a \$250 cancellation fee will be issued for cancellations with less than one month's notice.

### Week Restrictions

As a limited number of weeks are available, each teacher is only permitted to participate in one MSL week per year. Teachers will be notified regarding their acceptance within 3 weeks of the application closing date. Those we are unable to accommodate will be placed on a waiting list if indicated in their application.

### Class Restrictions

Some sites have programming that is only available for specific grades. Please review the site descriptions to ensure you are selecting the most appropriate site for your class' grade level.

Each site is only able to accommodate one class of students per week. The maximum number of students for most sites is 30. If your class exceeds this maximum, the Museum Site Education Coordinator will decide whether the class can be accommodated. Sites have the right to decline additional students. If you would like to participate in the program alongside your teaching partner and their class, both teachers must fill out an application and the weeks will be scheduled back to back if possible. It is important for both teachers to be involved in the planning process. Teachers who apply on behalf of two classes will not be considered for the program.

### Teacher-Led Time

The MSL program consists of a mixture of site-led and teacher-led activities. As such, teachers should explain in their application how they intend to incorporate the MSL philosophy and the week experience into their educational plans for the year. Teachers must be prepared to lead activities each day of their MSL week, utilizing the resources and spaces of their site. Many teachers use the teacher-led time for journaling and student reflection on their experience.

### Volunteers

Parent or guardian volunteers are needed to accompany the class throughout the week to assist with supervision ratios as well as to engage with the students during small group activities. Please discuss the appropriate number of volunteers with the Museum Site Education Coordinator prior to your visit. Classes that do not have an appropriate number of volunteers may be charged an additional fee for extra museum or heritage site staff time.

## Museum School London Site Descriptions

For the 2019/2020 school year, there are 10 sites available for the Museum School London program. Each site covers a specific range of grades and curriculum connections.

The sites include:

- The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame
- Eldon House
- Fanshawe Pioneer Village
- Gay Lea Dairy Heritage Museum
- Jet Aircraft Museum
- London Children's Museum
- Museum London
- Museum of Ontario Archaeology
- The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum
- Woodstock Museum National Historic Site

Please review the description of each of the sites below, including the grade levels and the areas of the curriculum that they cover before completing the Museum School London application.

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## The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

**Address** 100 Kellogg Lane London, ON

**Description** Spend a full week discovering Canada's medical heroes. With curriculum connections for students in grades 7 and 8, the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame offers an exciting mix of science, history, and drama activities. Through the lens of a health scientist, students will meet with local community health agencies, extract DNA from a strawberry and explore both Banting House National Historic Site and Robart's Research Institute. While imagining their own contribution to Canadian health, the students are inducted into the CMHF 50 years from now, and will learn to draw their own portrait and draft their biography.

**Grade Level** Grade 7  
Grade 8

**Curriculum Covered**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics
<input type="checkbox"/> French as a Second Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Languages
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Physical Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science and Technology
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Language	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Studies, History and Geography

## Eldon House

**Address** 481 Ridout Street N London, ON

**Description** Step back in time and spend four days at [Eldon House](#), an historic building and former home of London's Harris Family. Eldon House offers curriculum-based programming for grades 3-8 and lets students explore the history of Canada first hand. Experience Victorian-era customs, explore art history, walk along London's historic Thames River, and much more.

**Grade Level** Grade 3                      Grade 6  
Grade 4                      Grade 7  
Grade 5                      Grade 8

**Curriculum Covered**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics
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## Fanshawe Pioneer Village

**Address** 2609 Fanshawe Park Road E London, ON (Mailing Address Only)  
Enter at 1424 Clarke Road London, ON

**Description** Make [Fanshawe Pioneer Village](#) your classroom and experience the past in the present! During your stay, we will provide five 90-120 minute programs that create connections to the Ontario Curriculum and introduce students to life in the 1800s. Discover the hard work and experiences of early settler life within the setting of our heritage village. Students will leave with an understanding of how our community has grown and changed from 1820-1920 and will be introduced to the importance of preserving history. At the end of the day teachers are welcome to use all the resources of this outstanding living history site.

**Grade Level** Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 6

**Curriculum Covered**

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## Gay Lea Dairy Museum

**Address** 48075 Jamestown Line Aylmer, ON

**Description** During Museum School London at the [Gay Lea Dairy Museum](#), students will spend a full week exploring the agricultural heritage of Southwestern Ontario. Students will learn from the museum's expert educators and have the opportunity to explore acres of pristine Carolinian forest. Make the trip to the Gay Lea Dairy Museum and discover a hidden gem.

**Grade Level** Grade 1                      Grade 5  
Grade 2                      Grade 6  
Grade 3                      Grade 7  
Grade 4                      Grade 8

**Curriculum Covered**

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## Jet Aircraft Museum

**Address** 2-2465 Aviation Lane London, ON

**Description** Established in 2007, [Jet Aircraft Museum](#) is the only working aircraft museum in Canada dedicated to the study of Cold War jets. We have been housed at the London International Airport since 2008. The museum has a classroom, a hangar, a maintenance hangar and a small consumer-friendly gift shop. The museum's Education Program is based on Ontario curriculum expectations and involves students in interactive activities, many of which cannot be duplicated in the classroom.

**Grade Level** Grade 6

**Curriculum Covered**

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## London Children's Museum

**Address** 21 Wharnccliffe Road S London, ON

**Description** Imagine a classroom with dinosaurs, polar bears, space shuttles, a vibrant community street – and watch science, heritage and arts come alive! Explore hands-on galleries and venture behind the scenes with the [London Children's Museum](#) as your classroom. The Children's Museum offers a wide range of interactive curriculum connected programs for kindergarten through grade 4. Classroom teachers select a topic and museum educators plan a tailor-made, curriculum connected, unforgettable week of hands-on learning and discovery catering to the classroom's specific needs. The remaining time is planned and facilitated by the classroom teacher using the various exhibits and resources of the site.

**Grade Level** JK / SK                      Grade 3  
Grade 1                          Grade 4  
Grade 2

**Curriculum Covered**

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## Museum London

**Address** 421 Ridout Street N, London, ON

**Description** [Museum London's](#) Curator of Education works with teachers to custom design a Museum School London Program that is fun and educational. Students participate in curriculum-based tours of our art and history exhibitions. The Museum's tour guides lead students in hands-on studio programs and the opportunity to work with artists is also possible. Museum London is located downtown allowing for a Museum School London program that can include visits to other sites, such as the Covent Garden Market, St. Paul's Cathedral, Harris Park, and the Central Library.

**Grade Level**

Grade 1	Grade 5
Grade 2	Grade 6
Grade 3	Grade 7
Grade 4	Grade 8

**Curriculum Covered**

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## Museum of Ontario Archaeology

**Address** 1600 Attawandaron Road London, ON

**Description** During the Museum School London week at the [Museum of Ontario Archaeology](#), students will enjoy a week of hands-on and interactive activities all designed with the Ontario Curriculum in mind. Activities are built around the Social Studies, Science and Technology, as well as Arts and Mathematics curriculums and focus on Ontario's Indigenous history, historical thinking concepts, and how archaeology works. Weeks include a blend of simulated excavations, activities, traditional games, and a hike in the adjacent creek area.

**Grade Level**

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Grade 4	Grade 7
Grade 5	

**Curriculum Covered**

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## The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum

**Address** 701 Oxford Street E London, ON

**Description** Located at Wolseley Barracks, a designated National Historic Site, [The Royal Canadian Regiment Museum](#) tells the story of the first infantry regiment with the regular army in Canada. *Tales of the Eight-Pointed Star* is an Ontario Curriculum based program that supports learning by engaging students and teachers with Canadian veterans and with army life in general. The program covers a variety of subjects through digital interactive and hands-on activities, from Grade 4 to Grade 12, including Physical Education.

**Grade Level**  
Grade 4  
Grade 5  
Grade 6  
Grade 7  
Grade 8

**Curriculum Covered**

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## Woodstock Museum National Historic Site

**Address** 466 Dundas Street Woodstock, ON

**Description** Museum School London at [Woodstock Museum NHS](#) allows students to spend a week in a historic building constructed in 1853 as the Town Hall and Market House for the City of Woodstock. The social studies and civics curriculum will come to life as students get to role-play as councillors in an historic city hall. Woodstock Museum NHS also offers amazing curriculum connections to the arts and dance curriculum.

**Grade Level**  
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Grade 4  
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