

Volunteers Needed: Yearly 2026-2027

If you are responsible, enthusiastic, and enjoy working with children, then we want you!

What is ROMKids? One of the city's most creative and diverse camps for over 80 years, ROMKid's offers an exciting array of fun, activity-based programs inspired by the collections and research of our world-class museum. ROM's fascinating galleries, authentic artifacts, and outstanding professional staff guarantee that our camp experience will be hard to beat.

What do ROMKids volunteers do?

Volunteers act as assistants to the course instructors. Some of the ways they help are by:

- preparing material for activities
- facilitating children's activities
- helping with clean-up after activities
- assisting in escorting children through the Museum and on field trips
- providing supervision during breaks

At the completion of the program, volunteers will be provided a service letter indicating the number of hours volunteered.

What to know before I apply?

In order to keep all staff, volunteers, and visitors safe, ROMKid's is operating under the following parameters:

- Volunteers must be 16 years of age by December 2026 to be eligible to volunteer. Applicants who have attended ROMKids Leadership camp must be 15 years of age by the end of December 2026 to be eligible to volunteer.
- More information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions please get in touch with us at studio@rom.on.ca.

How do I Apply?

Simply fill out the following form and return by email according to the dates listed. To provide everyone with a clear idea of how ROMKids programs work, and what the role of a volunteer is, we will be holding orientation sessions at the dates below. Attendance is mandatory if you have not attended our Leadership program or a ROMKids orientation in the past. You will not be contacted inviting you to the orientation.

- **Fall Programs:**
 - **Applications:** e-mailed no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13th, 2026.
 - **Orientation:** a live, virtual orientation on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 at 5:00 PM. A link will be sent out to all applicants the day before. The orientation will be no longer than 1-hour.
- **Winter Break Camp and Winter Programs:**
 - **Applications:** e-mailed no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, December 7th, 2026.
 - **Orientation:** an in-person orientation on Sunday, December 13th, 2026 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Meet at the ROM Staff Entrance on the south side of the Museum no earlier than 9:45 AM
- **March Break Camp and Spring Programs**
 - **Applications:** e-mailed no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, February 22nd, 2027.
 - **Orientation:** an in-person orientation on Sunday, February 28th, 2027 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Meet at the ROM Staff Entrance on the south side of the Museum no earlier than 9:45 AM

Please Note:

The number of volunteer positions available is based on the number of activities run and anticipated visitor attendance. Attendance at the orientation session does not guarantee a position with ROMKids. A complete application and a positive review at orientation are also necessary to gain a volunteer position. If you are not accepted as a volunteer for this session, we welcome you to apply again in the future with the same or an updated application. Successful applicants will be contacted shortly after the orientation.

Questions or concerns? Please email us at studio@rom.on.ca.

Volunteer Application

Complete & return to:

Alexandra Schnekenburger, ROMKids Assistant Manager and Assistant Camp Director

Phone: 416.586.8043 Email: studio@rom.on.ca

Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON, M5S 2C6

Personal Data

NAME: _____
Last First Pronouns

ADDRESS: _____
Street # Street Name Apt # City Postal Code

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Will you be 16 years or older by the end of 2026? Yes ☐ / No ☐

Have you enrolled in ROM Leadership Camp before? Y ☐ / N ☐ Year: _____ Instructor: _____

If you answered "No" and have attended the Leadership Camp previously, will you be 15 by end of 2025: Yes ☐ / No ☐

Do you have experience playing Dungeons and Dragons and/or experience as a Dungeon Master:

Please indicate the last ROMKids orientation you attended if you have previously applied for one our programs: _____

Education		
Academic level	Highest level completed	Type of certificate or diploma
Secondary School		
Community College or University		
Other		

List of languages spoken:

If you have been accepted as a volunteer with our ROM Camp (2023/2024 or 2024/2025 or 2026/2026) you do not need to submit new references or the written component.

Questions 1 and 2 should be typed and approximately 100-150 words in length each. Question 3 is optional but should be no more than 1 page in length. **Question 3 must be submitted digitally.**

1. Please discuss any qualifications, skills, interests, experience or training you may have that would contribute to your success as a volunteer assistant.
2. Please discuss what you hope to gain out of volunteering.
3. Through some form of creative piece (drawing, poem, song, short story etc.), explain how your experience and skills would benefit the ROM Camp experience. Have some fun with it, show your spirit and be creative!

Camp Availability: Please select your availability from the below.

Saturday Club	
Date	Availability Mornings: 8:15 AM to 12:30 PM / Afternoons: 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM / Or Full Day: 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM
Fall Saturday Club: October 17, 2026 to December 6, 2026	
Winter Saturday Club: January 9, 2027 to March 6, 2027	
Spring Saturday Club: April 3, 2027 to May 29, 2027	
Winter Break Camp	
Date	Select which days you are available Full Day, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday, December 21, 2026	
Tuesday, December 22, 2026	
Wednesday, December 23, 2026	
Monday, December 28, 2026	
Tuesday, December 29, 2026	
Wednesday, December 30, 2026	
March Break Camp	
Date	Availability All week, full Day, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
March Break Camp: March 15, 2027 to March 19, 2027	
PA Day Camp	
Date	Availability Mornings: 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM / Afternoons: 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM / Or Full Day: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
PA Day: November 20, 2026	
PA Day: January 15, 2027	
PA Day: February 12, 2027	
PA Day: June 4, 2027	

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Application Checklist

Only those who have successfully completed their application form on time may attend orientation. Please consult the following checklist to ensure that you have properly completed your application.

Availability__ /Personal data __ /Written component __ /2 references__ /Vaccination__

If selected, you will be required to submit for a Vulnerable Sectors Check. All selected candidates will be provided paperwork to submit for one.

Please feel free to attach your resume or anything you think will help your application.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Date Received: _____ (Office Use Only)

Yearly Applications 2026-2027 Volunteer Assistant Reference Form 1

Please have a person submit a reference on your behalf. Parents, friends, and other family members are not suitable references. Please have teachers, coaches, or previous employers fill out your references. These forms should be submitted with your volunteer application or emailed directly to studio@rom.on.ca.

The following section should be filled out by the volunteer reference.

Applicant Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
Reference Name:	Email:	Phone Number:
In what capacity have you known the applicant?		How long have you known the applicant for?

The collection of personal information is governed by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Private Act (FIPPA).

Should you have any questions regarding privacy provisions, please contact Kiron Mukherjee, ROMKids Manager 416.586.8043

Please evaluate the applicant in the following areas.

Note the number that best describes the applicant's performance in the comment box.

1. Attitude and Enthusiasm 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
2. Quality of Work 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
3. Ability to Work with Others 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
4. Ability to Follow Direction 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:
5. Dependability 5 – Outstanding 4 – Above Average 3 – Average 2 – Needs Improvement 1 – Unsatisfactory Comment:

The position of volunteer assistant involves working with children and youth in a leadership capacity.

Are you aware of any reasons why the applicant should not work with children? YES ☐ NO ☐

Comments: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Yearly Applications 2026-2027 Volunteer Assistant Reference Form 2

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