

Digital Heritage Specialists Edo Museum of West African Art

Role Overview:

The Edo Museum of West African Art (EMOWAA) is launching its Digital Heritage Lab: a series of projects aimed at leveraging the power of technology for the study and management of our heritage. Through an exciting array of projects, EMOWAA will deploy cutting edge technology in Nigeria for high-end data gathering, analysis and presentation. The purpose is to explore understudied aspects of Nigerian and West African material culture and to bring these findings to life in rich online archives and vivid, interactive displays. With improved access and interaction with such resources, we can empower future studies and inspire new educational and cultural products in Nigeria - and around the world.

We are looking for a team of Digital Heritage Specialists who will play a key role in the Digital Heritage Lab and the wider work of our programmes. The Digital Heritage Specialist will work at the intersection of culture and technology, focused on the application of technology in the study, preservation, engagement and dissemination of West African heritage. You will report to the Head of Collections and work closely with the Head of Archaeology and Heritage Management.

You will have excellent practical skills in one or more areas of applied digital technology (see details below), strong attention to detail, proven track-record of managing projects, and the ability to work as a team. This role will involve frequent travel for trainings, presentations, and the execution of projects throughout Nigeria and abroad.

Key Responsibilities:

Digital Content Development

- Record high-quality 2D and 3D digital imagery of heritage items, including documents, objects, buildings and landscapes
- Process and refine digitized content for EMOWAA's on-going studies and public viewing
- Develop prototypes and reconstructions of digitized works for research, educational and display purposes, including 3D printing, plaster, virtual reality and augmented reality models
- Support the scoping, design and development of EMOWAA's virtual collection, digital mapping facility and e-learning projects

Research & Archive Management

- Ensure appropriate labeling of all digitized content in line with international metadata standards and EMOWAA's archive(s)
- Manage and ensure timely updates to EMOWAA's digital catalogue and other internal data management filing systems, adhering to our strict data security protocols
- Contribute to background research (including field exercises) in line with key research questions set out on related projects
- Draft of progress reports for internal circulation and contribute to donor/partner reporting

Platform Development & Engagement

- Contribute to the design and implementation of EMOWAA's digital platforms and products
- Produce project write ups and content for events and publications, working closely with the Head of Communications and Education & Outreach Coordinator

- Provide recommendations for EMOWAA's digital infrastructure regularly interfacing with the IT & Data Management Specialist
- Support data analytics of stakeholder mapping and trends on the interest/use of digital technologies with target groups to inform EMOWAA's initiatives

Capacity Building

- Attend training programmes in Nigeria and abroad, including on digital scanning, modelling, curation and archive management
- Run and present at workshops, meetings and other outreach activities
- Support the design and delivery of sector-wide capacity building programmes, including with early career practitioners, students and volunteers

Experience & Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or higher in any field
- 3 years' experience in an applied field (e.g. graphic design, animation, 3D modeling, photography and/or software design) – OR subject area (e.g. history, archaeology, cultural studies, environmental studies, education)
- Interest or experience in the application of digital technologies in the cultural and creative sector
- Ability to learn quickly and work independently
- Collaborative approach and ability to contribute to across different projects effectively
- Proficiency in MS Suite
- Proficiency in Adobe Suite, ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Maya, Corel Draw (desired)
- English fluency (required)

Career Growth & Development:

EMOWAA has a strong culture of learning, investment and development of people. This post will cover a diverse range of training in related technological and management fields, led by global experts and institutions across our wide network of partners and affiliates.

By joining our team, you'll have an opportunity to shape a growing organization, work on groundbreaking initiatives and build a rewarding long-term career. It is expected that within 2 years the Digital Heritage Specialist will grow from supervised executor to an independent lead on at least one major digitization project run by EMOWAA's Pavilion.

Terms and Conditions:

- **Contract type:** Full-time employment
- **Reporting Line:** Head of Digital & Technology
- **Duty Station:** Benin, Lagos
- **Compensation & Benefits:** Competitive, subject to credentials
- **Start Date:** August 2022, subject to 6-month probation period

Interested candidates: Please submit a 1-page cover letter and CV to careers@EMOWAA.com indicating the role(s) of interest in the subject line.