

Event Photographer

VOLUNTEER POSITION

Burke Department: Communications

Supervisor: Rachel Ormiston/Chris Snyder

Term: (Start/end date): December 2025 and beyond

Position Overview:

- The Event Photographer position is responsible for photographing Burke Museum events. Photos taken at these events are used for future event promotions, general museum marketing campaigns, and grant funding applications and reporting. After the event, the Event Photographer will also edit photos and save them to our Communications team image database.

Key Responsibilities:

- Photograph during events at the Burke Museum. Events include, but are not limited to, monthly education offerings for youth (Fossil Finders), book events, lectures, and exhibit openings.
- Edit photos after the event.
- Save photos in image database according to established naming conventions, system, and taxonomy.

Training and Support:

- Photography equipment is provided
 - Sony Alpha 7 III (α7 III) full-frame mirrorless camera (2 of them)
 - Camera flash unit and diffuser attachment
 - Lenses (28-70mm telephoto and 14mm ultrawide prime)
- Training for camera and file management

Commitment:

- Photographing an event is a 1–3 hour time commitment, depending on the event schedule. Events are typically weekday evenings or weekend mornings, determining volunteer shift by prioritizing higher attendance tickets times
- Additional 1–2 hour time commitment for editing and organizing files after events.

Essential Skills and Qualifications:

To be successful in this role a volunteer must:

- Have photography experience
- Have experience with digital cameras (mirrorless or DSLR)
- Have experience with editing photos in Photoshop, Lightroom, or other.
- Have experience following a shot list of required photos

Desired Skills and Qualifications:

We value the different backgrounds and cultural experiences volunteers may bring to this role:

- Experience with event photography, especially with indoor events in low-light scenarios.
- Experience with file management systems and organization.
- Approachable, friendly, and willing to photograph in crowded areas during events.
- Eager to get close to the action to create dynamic, high impact images suitable for marketing and promotion.

Have questions about this role? Contact burkevol@uw.edu