

Join the Ontario Archaeological Society for Summer 2026

The Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) is offering two funded student opportunities for Summer 2026. These positions provide hands-on experience in archaeology, collections work, public outreach, research support, and heritage engagement while giving students the chance to contribute to meaningful projects with professionals, community members, and partner organizations across Ontario.

Whether your interests are in digitization, collections, archaeology, archives, education, or public history, these roles offer practical experience, professional connections, and the opportunity to support projects that preserve and share Ontario's archaeological heritage.

Position 1: Digitization and Symposium Organizing Assistant

- Support the OAS 2026 annual symposium in Toronto by assisting the organizing committee, board members, and volunteers.
- Conduct outreach to potential participants and funders.
- Promote the symposium through social media and email.
- Assist with program preparation by collating and organizing abstracts.
- Support the revitalized Toronto Chapter as needed.
- Assist with the preparation and digitization of archival OAS materials for transfer to the Archives of Ontario.
- Help create an online searchable database of digitized materials.
- Contribute outreach content for OAS social media.
- Prepare a short article about the student's experience for the Society's newsletter, *Arch Notes*.
- Remote/hybrid position.
- Work with society members and others interested in Ontario's heritage through Zoom, email, and telephone.
- May engage with members of the public, First Nations community members, and experienced archaeologists who are OAS members.
- Participation in the OAS Symposium in October 2026 is expected as part of the learning experience.
- Digitization tasks will be based at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (MOA) in London, Ontario, including use of high-speed scanning equipment.

Position 2: Northern Ontario Artifact Collections Assistant

- Assist in verifying archaeological site locations for collections in the Department of Anthropology at Lakehead University and, potentially, related sites at the MCM office in Thunder Bay.
- Work with Lakehead staff, MCM employees, and local archaeologists.

- Assist with cataloguing to learn about the cultural affiliations of materials from selected collections donated to Lakehead University.
- Communicate with amateur archaeologists to gather further site information as needed.
- Communicate with MCM employees in Thunder Bay and Toronto to support site registration, mapping, and use of the PastPort online system.
- Primarily remote position.
- Some in-person meetings may be required with department members, professional and amateur archaeologists, and ministry employees.
- Meetings may take place by Zoom or in person, as needed to collect papers or examine artifacts with permission.
- A summary of the project will be shared with the OAS through social media and/or the OAS *Arch Notes* newsletter and the Thunder Bay Chapter's *Wanikan* newsletter.

Explore the two positions below to find the opportunity that best matches your interests and experience.

Eligibility

- Available to commit 232 hours over the summer (approximately 6 weeks of full-time work).
- Currently enrolled as a student, or within 6 months of graduation as of the start date of the position.

How to Apply

Send your resume and cover letter to Dr. Lisa Sonnenburg by email at president@ontarioarchaeology.org by June 8, 2026, at 8:30 am EDT.