

MUSEUM LONDON

BOARD POLICY

RESEARCH

Preamble

Research at Museum London is essential to the authentication, interpretation, communication and understanding of its collections, and to ensuring the rigour and scholarship central to its exhibitions, publications and programs. Research is directed by our mission to *“inspire and educate our community by preserving and sharing our art and history”*.

Policy

Research at Museum London will:

Collections and Exhibitions

- Be directed towards developing a better understanding of Museum London’s collections.
- Be directed towards a better understanding of the cultures or classes of objects represented by Museum London collections.
- Be directed towards a better understanding of the academic disciplines and subjects represented by Museum London collections and exhibitions.
- Be directed towards developing a better understanding of historical and contemporary art practices in London, in Canada and internationally, together with the academic disciplines and subjects related to those practices.
- Be directed towards developing a better understanding of the histories of London.

Dissemination

- Be incorporated, where feasible, in Museum London galleries, exhibitions, lectures, and other educational and public programs.
- Be published and/or otherwise disseminated, as appropriate in Museum London exhibitions, lectures and programs.
- Demonstrate a commitment to the pursuit of research by staff and outside researchers, and ensure that the scope of research is in keeping with our dedication to preserving our collections by ensuring that all researchers have training in handling art and artifacts.

Ethics

- Be carried out within the ethical framework of Museum London's policies, the Canadian Museum Association's *Ethics Guidelines*, and meet municipal, provincial and federal legislative requirements that have an impact on research activities and products.

Finance and Administration

- Be carried out in a manner consistent with Museum London's obligation to remain accountable to its mandate for the wise use of the resources made available to it and mindful of establishing research activity priorities.
- Be carried out in a manner that does not obligate Museum London to an expenditure of funds except as provided in its annual operating budget.
- Be one of the basic performance criteria for all curatorial staff.
- Be directed by curatorial staff and, except as noted above, will be without constraint or limitation, and in keeping with accepted principles of academic freedom.

Last Revised Date: 31 May 2017

MONITORING:

Adherence

The Executive Director will report to the Board on any areas of non-adherence within a timely manner.

Policy Review

Method: Internal Report

Responsibility: Policy Committee

Minimum Frequency: Five Years