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Call for Volunteers | Architectural Walking Tour Guides

The Toronto Society of Architects is entering its ninth season delivering guided walking tours as part of our [Toronto Architecture Tours \(TAT\)](#) initiative. Four themed tours have been developed highlighting some of Toronto's most significant examples of contemporary architecture, landscape architecture and urban design. Each tour showcases 10-14 significant buildings and are approximately two hours long. The tours are almost exclusively outdoors and run rain or shine.

Regular tours are offered on Saturdays and Sundays beginning the first weekend in June and continuing through to the first weekend of October. The TSA also runs special group tours (10 or more participants) outside of the regular schedule, subject to the availability of our volunteer tour guides. In May, we participate in Doors Open Toronto by offering one-hour tours to the public at no charge.

Training for new tour guides will be provided by a professional tour guide with 20 years of experience, and will include tour delivery techniques and comprehensive information about each building.

Volunteer Tour Guide | Duties and Responsibilities

- Volunteer tour guides will be responsible for delivering engaging, two-hour walking tours using the routes and site information included in the notes developed by the TSA.
- Tour guides will work with the TSA tour coordinator; the tour coordinator will arrange schedules, provide on-going information, problem-solve, and otherwise provide support to ensure successful tour delivery.
- Each tour guide will be assigned one tour to learn, and be asked to commit to delivering the tour at least six times during the regular season. Each tour is offered once every weekend as follows:
 - Art & Performance: Saturdays, 10am-12pm
 - Towers: Saturdays, 1:30pm-3:30pm
 - Culture & Campus: Sundays, 10am-12pm
 - University Avenue: Sundays, 1:30pm – 3:30pm

Key Dates

- Late March / early April – Season Kick-off Meeting (evening) for all guides
- Training will take place on weekends and weekday evenings in April and May.
- Tours will begin June 2nd and the last tour of the season will be October 7th

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Qualifications

- Superior public speaking skills and the ability to be heard downtown without voice amplification.
- Enthusiasm and ease with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Clear and fluent spoken English.
- Knowledge of architecture preferred; keen interest in architecture and design essential.
- Physical fitness to lead a two-hour walking tour in all weather conditions (tours run rain or shine).

How to Apply

Does this sound like the perfect volunteering opportunity for you? Then send us an email with your name, contact information, resume, and a short paragraph of why you want to volunteer for this initiative to:

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For more information on this position please contact Marta O'Brien, Tour Coordinator for TAT at

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Deadline to Apply: March 2, 2018

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