



**FORT  
TICONDEROGA**  
**FELLOWSHIP POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**Edward W. Pell Graduate Fellowship:  
Curatorial Research Fellowship**

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**Fellowship runs from June 5-August 11, 2023**

Fort Ticonderoga has recently made a substantial acquisition of colonial and revolutionary arms. This is one of the most significant additions to the museum in its history and the museum seeks a Curatorial Fellow to assist with the research and cataloging of these objects. The 2023 Edward W. Pell Curatorial Research Fellowship will assist the curator by cataloging and conducting targeted research into this historic acquisition to make full records available on our online database.

The Robert Nittolo collection represents among the finest selection of colonial and revolutionary firearms in existence. Acquired over 60 years, this collection covers over a century of the early modern period, from 17<sup>th</sup>-century matchlocks to weapons used late in the American War of Independence. The collection contains not only American-made and used firearms, but examples from Great Britain, France, The Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Spain. The collection is built around objects with specific makers, owners, or regimental associations, providing additional context to these arms. The Curatorial Fellow will complete the catalog records with measurements, references, and additional research on these to provide museum staff, future researchers, and our online database with the best possible information. The Fellow will be among the first to comprehensively explore this collection. In addition, they will work closely with the Collections Fellow and the Archaeological Fellow to research and cross-reference extant arms in the collection with archaeologically recovered fragments to provide context to the arms used here at Ticonderoga in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Their research will inform generations to come.

The 2023 Edward W. Pell Research Fellow will:

- Complete cataloging for the firearms in the Robert Nittolo Collection, including measurements and basic identification
- Conduct additional research on makers, users, and owners of these arms.
- Collaborate with the Archaeological Fellow to help with the identification of archaeological fragments and create linkages within the museum's database.

The Research Fellow must have a background working with historic objects, particularly firearms and weaponry, and the experience and creativity to carefully research complex historical subjects. They must be detail-oriented, organized, and able to work independently. Experience with 18<sup>th</sup>-century military, industrial, or trade history and craft would be advantageous, but candidates from a number of fields including, but not limited to, History, Archaeology, or Material Culture will be considered.

*Applicants must submit a resume, cover letter, a five page writing sample (may be an excerpt from a longer piece), and as well as an example of a museum-based project (the candidate may interpret this as they choose). Pieces may include graphics or label copy from an exhibition, a video, or other digital or design based media.*

*Applications should be submitted to Rich Strum, Director of Academic Programs, at [rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org](mailto:rstrum@fort-ticonderoga.org) no later than January 16, 2023.*