



## Curious Minds at The Rooms

The Rooms is a community cultural space where history, heritage and artistic expression come together. Curious Minds at The Rooms is an innovative school program where students, teachers and community experts collaborate for a week of hands-on, experiential learning.

Learners connect with our collections through intellectually rich opportunities. Interaction with historic artifacts, natural history specimens, archival records and art stimulate inquiry and critical thinking in authentic ways. The program is based on the Curious Minds education concept, which emphasizes the value of allowing students to

slow down and become immersed in new and engaging learning environments. Each week is a unique, curriculum-based program developed by the teacher in consultation with the Curious Minds Education Coordinator.

Journal writing and drawing are key elements to the Curious Minds concept and every participating student, teacher and parent volunteer will be provided their own journal to use before, during and after their time at The Rooms. Prior to their week at the site, teachers will be given the opportunity to participate in sessions on object-based learning, journal writing and sketching.

### Guidelines

- The program is available to Grades 1 to 12.
- Only one class of students per week can be accommodated.
- Teachers may write a joint application. The weeks will be scheduled back-to-back if possible. Please submit one application and indicate on your form that you are applying as a team with multiple classes.
- French immersion schools are welcome to apply but please note that programming is in English.
- Cost is \$750 per week and includes all busing to and from school and The Rooms, teacher and student journals, and other costs associated with the program.
- Deadline for applications is May 31, 2026. You will be notified by e-mail when your application and proposal have been received.
- Teachers will be notified regarding acceptance into the program by June 15, 2026.



## Curious Minds at The Rooms Program Application Form 2026-2027

Send this completed form, along with your 1 to 2 page proposal, by May 31, 2026 via email, fax or regular mail to:

The Rooms  
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Teacher name(s):

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School: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone/cell : \_\_\_\_\_

School address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address:

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Is this application for one class or multiple classes?  one class  multiple classes

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of classes)

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate number of students (maximum 30 per week): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Curious Minds program?

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## What Does Curious Minds at The Rooms Offer?

### Curious Minds Education Coordinator

The coordinator will support you throughout the planning stages. Once at The Rooms, the coordinator can also lead sessions to develop critical viewing and interpretive skills and supply you with hands-on objects and other resources.

### Meet Our Experts

During their Curious Minds experience students can meet staff members of The Rooms such as collections managers, archaeologists, artists, and conservators as they explore the various exhibitions, vaults, and laboratories at The Rooms.

### Additional Resource People

Depending on the theme of your program, resource people and experts from within the community can be brought in to facilitate your students.

### Education Programs

Teachers may want to choose components of the various education programs that are offered by The Rooms. These workshops can be good starting points to a more in-depth study of a particular topic. For a full listing of currently offered education programs at The Rooms visit <https://www.therooms.ca/schools>

### Exhibitions

A wide range of Archives, Art Gallery and Museum exhibitions are available for your class to explore and study during their week on site. For more information on The Rooms temporary and permanent exhibitions, visit our website at [www.therooms.ca](http://www.therooms.ca)

### Collection Storage Vaults

Everyone loves going behind the scenes! Curious Minds participants are given the rare opportunity to visit our vast collections in the vault and lab to see how artifacts are stored and cared for.

### Curious Minds Classroom

Students re-locate from their classroom at school to their bright and inspiring classroom at The Rooms located in our beautiful atrium. The classroom is a place for teachers to engage students in discussions, various hands-on projects and sharing sessions related to the theme of their program.

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