

Fogo Island Workshops

About the Role

Title: Textile Apprentice

Team: Fogo Island Workshop

Location: Fogo Island, NL, Canada

Who We Are

Shorefast is one of North America's most creative and notable social enterprises and the charitable organization behind the world-renowned Fogo Island Inn, Fogo Island Workshops, Fogo Island Fish, and Fogo Island Arts. Our work has garnered significant international interest including a feature on [60 Minutes](#) and in The New York Times' [52 Places for a Changed World](#). The mission of Shorefast is to build, learn, and share economic development practices that catalyse the assets of local places, starting with Fogo Island.

Learn more about us: shorefast.org

The Opportunity

Reporting to the Manager of Sales and Operations, the **Textile Apprentice** position is an opportunity to learn and grow within a supportive textile production environment on Fogo Island. This role is focused on developing hands-on skills in sewing, embroidery, mending, and other textile techniques while actively contributing to the creation of high-quality textile goods. The apprentice will play a key part in supporting day-to-day production and maintaining a professional workspace, while also engaging with visitors and being part of a larger community of makers. This position is ideal for someone eager to build their skills, contribute meaningfully to a growing textile practice, and help strengthen local capacity for craft on Fogo Island.

What You'll Do

- Support textile production through hands-on learning and skill development in sewing, embroidery, and mending
- Assemble textile products such as cushions, following established patterns and quality guidelines Learn and participate in quality control processes to ensure consistency and craftsmanship
- Learn proper care and maintenance of sewing and textile equipment, and take responsibility for keeping tools in good condition
- Maintain a clean, organized, and professional workspace at all times
- Engage with guests who visit the workshop by sharing information about your work and the textile production process
- Approach tasks with curiosity and a willingness to learn new skills and techniques
- Collaborate with other team members and contribute to a supportive, creative work environment

Qualifications and Experience

- High School Diploma or GED equivalence
- A basic understanding of textile craft is ideal including operation of a domestic sewing machine.

What We Offer

- Competitive salary

- Health and dental benefits, along with access to an employee assistance program for mental health support and work/life services
- Team member discounts within our businesses (Fogo Island Inn and Fogo Island Workshops)
- Housing and relocation assistance
- An engaged, highly supportive, and collaborative environment that encourages creativity and curiosity
- The opportunity to work in a thriving social enterprise
- Continued learning and professional development training

To Apply

Please submit a cover letter and resume to careers@shorefast.org, with the subject line “**Textile Apprentice**”; Questions about this position may also be directed here.

Deadline for Applications: Until Filled

We are grateful for all applications, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

At Shorefast, we endeavour to foster an accessible work environment and to ensure all in our care feel safe and valued. Please reach out if there is anything we can do to accommodate a more accessible or inclusive application process.