

Institutional Memberships

The Textile Museum of Canada's Institutional Access Program is designed for universities, colleges, schools, non-profit organizations, firms, and other institutions looking to provide their students, staff, or members with meaningful access to arts and culture.

Rather than organizing and paying for individual visits, participating organizations receive year-round access that allows eligible participants to explore the Museum independently, discover new exhibitions, and engage with global textile traditions, sustainability, design, and material culture at their own pace.

Whether you are incorporating the Museum into a course syllabus, offering professional development opportunities for your staff, or creating new learning experiences for your community, the Institutional Access Program makes it easy to connect with the Museum throughout the year.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Unlimited Self-Guided Museum Admission

Eligible students, staff, or members of participating organizations receive unlimited admission to the Museum for self-guided visits during regular public hours. Simply present a valid institutional identification card at the front desk to gain entry.

This flexibility allows participants to visit independently, return throughout the year as exhibitions change, and engage with the Museum on their own schedule.

Preferred Rates for Organized Group Visits

Institutional Access Program partners receive preferred pricing on guided tours and educational workshops when booked as an organized group visit by a faculty member, instructor, or organizational representative.

Whether you are planning a class visit, a team-building experience, or a professional development session, our staff can help create an engaging program that connects directly to your learning objectives.

Please note that preferred group rates apply only to organized visits booked by the participating institution and do not extend to individual registrations for the Museum's public programs or events.

Faculty and Coordinator Preview Access

Faculty members, instructors, and program coordinators from participating organizations are welcome to visit the Museum in advance of a planned group booking to familiarize themselves with the exhibitions, assess the space, and explore opportunities for integrating the Museum into their curriculum or programming.

HOW IT WORKS:

The Institutional Access Program is available to departments, faculties, schools, organizations, and businesses of all sizes. Annual fees are calculated based on the number of eligible participants covered under the agreement, creating a simple and scalable model that grows with your organization.

Once your organization is enrolled:

- Eligible participants can visit the Museum independently throughout the year using their institutional identification.
- Faculty and organizational leaders can book guided tours and workshops at preferred partner rates.
- The Museum team is available to help coordinate group visits and recommend programming that aligns with your educational or organizational goals.

Planning a Group Visit:

Organized class visits and group visits should be booked at a minimum of two weeks in advance to ensure the best possible experience. Guided tours and workshops can be tailored to support a range of disciplines and themes, including:

- Art and design
- Fashion and textiles
- Sustainability and circular economies
- History and material culture

- Anthropology and global studies
- Community engagement and social impact

To support the care of the Museum's collections and galleries, all organized group visits include access to a dedicated staging area for coats, bags, and personal belongings. A **Group Visit Facilitation Fee** applies to all pre-booked class and group visits, whether self-guided or facilitated by Museum staff.

WHY JOIN?

The Institutional Access Program removes barriers to cultural engagement by giving your students, staff, or members the freedom to visit the Museum as often as they like while providing your organization with a flexible and cost-effective way to incorporate arts and culture into learning, research, and professional development.

As a partner, you gain:

- Unlimited self-guided Museum access for eligible participants.
- Preferred rates on organized guided tours and educational workshops.
- Complimentary planning visits for faculty and program coordinators.
- Flexible opportunities to integrate Museum exhibitions into your curriculum, training, or community programming.
- A direct connection to one of Canada's leading institutions dedicated to textiles, craft, sustainability, and global cultural exchange.

BECOME AN INSTITUTIONAL ACCESS PARTNER

Whether you are planning a single course, supporting a faculty or department, developing staff learning opportunities, or creating enriching experiences for your members, the Textile Museum of Canada's Institutional Access Program offers a flexible way to make the Museum part of your organization's year-round learning environment.

To learn more about eligibility, annual access fees, or to discuss a partnership tailored to your organization, please contact our team at info@textilemuseum.ca