



**Call for Curators:
2026 Exhibition on Trans/GNC BIPOC Artists in Los Angeles**

Position Type: Fixed Term Contract

Application Deadline: Friday, March 9, 2026

Contract timeline: Mid-March through August 2026

Location: Los Angeles, CA

About the Role:

One Institute seeks an experienced and innovative curator to shape the narrative of an exhibition on Trans/GNC BIPOC Artists centered around oral histories and contemporary works. This exhibition takes place in Los Angeles from July 9 - August 30, 2026, at the One Gallery West Hollywood. Hired curator will be expected to be available from March 2026 through Early September 2026 including de-installation. Previous curatorial experience and a minimum of three years of relevant experience with contemporary art, oral history work, and knowledge of Transgender/GNC communities required.

About the Project:

In a time of attacks on the trans and GNC community from federal officials and conservative pundits, highlighting the voices of affected artists is a potent political act. Focused on trans liberation and the role of artists as political agents, this exhibit will highlight the work of 6 trans and GNC artists of color (already selected) whose work shines a light on the lived experiences of community members. The exhibition will explore how their work finds joy and articulates dissent amid tyranny and oppression.

Following an oral history project conducted by Alvaro Marquez and Ivan Morales in tandem with the Claremont Graduate University, participating artists have provided their stories of trans and GNC liberation. These oral histories document the interviewees' stories as artists, cultural workers, and activists and will be integrated into the exhibition in a creative way.

The selected curator will innovatively incorporate the oral histories into the exhibition, as well as craft a coherent exhibition theme. The curator will conduct studio visits with the participating artists, select additional works to include, ensuring that the curatorial vision focuses on art as a tool of resistance. The curator will work in tandem with One Institute and California Community Foundation staff to ensure the success of the exhibition.

Alvaro and Ivan will conduct documentation of the exhibition in order to produce a scholarly article tentatively titled: "Place, Liberation, and Cultural Labor."

Key Responsibilities:

- Articulate a theme and curatorial vision for the exhibit
- Conduct studio visits with participating artists
- Produce didactic and press material alongside One Institute's staff
- Attend and produce exhibition opening event
- Produce exhibition programming alongside One Institute programming staff
- Supervise and manage install and de-installation of exhibition including artist work deliveries and art handling

Preferred Qualifications:

- Education: Degree or relevant experience in curatorial studies, history/art history, anthropology, sociology, or a related field.
- Experience: At least three years
- Language: English

Budget:

- Curatorial fee: \$5000
- Exhibition materials budget to be discussed with curator

About One Institute:

Founded in 1952, One Institute (formerly ONE Archives Foundation) is the oldest active LGBTQ+ organization in the country, dedicated to telling LGBTQ+ history and stories through education, arts, and social justice programs. Our one-of-a-kind exhibitions and public programs connect LGBTQ+ history and contemporary culture to effect social change. Through unique K-12 teacher trainings, lesson plans, and youth mentorship programs, we empower the next generation of teachers and students to bring queer history into classrooms and communities. As the independent community partner of ONE Archives at the USC Libraries, we promote the largest collection of LGBTQ+ materials in the world.

The curatorial and educational choices made by One Institute are guided by our commitment to social equity and justice. We engage with the complexity of LGBTQ+ history and representation through highlighting the intersectional narratives of Black, Indigenous, people of color (BIPOC), women, gender- nonconforming and transgender people, people of various abilities, youth, and elders across all socio-economic classes.

Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram @oneinstitutela.

How to Apply:

Please fill out [this application](#) to submit your resume, CV, and work examples by Monday, March 9, 2026, 5 pm PST. Please indicate availability for an interview in the following two weeks.