

Position: Palaeontology Technician Summer Student

Wage: Determined by grants received.

Length of position: 16 weeks, from May 8 to Aug. 26, 2017

Hours: Full-time, 37.5 hours/week (7.5 hours/day)

Application deadline: April 10, 2017

Job description: Major responsibilities for this position will include the preparation of vertebrate fossil material using proper vertebrate palaeontology preparation techniques. The position will also supervise preparation lab volunteers and the general organization of the preparation lab. You will work with the staff of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum to complete these tasks on site. The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum is located on Highway 43 in Wembley, Alberta, twenty minutes west of Grande Prairie, Alberta. The museum is an international institution for experiential learning dedicated to Alberta's palaeontological heritage, through research, collection, preservation, exhibition, public programming, publications, and innovative outreach.

Qualification: Successful applicants must currently be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, preferably pursuing a degree in palaeontology, geology, archaeology, zoology, biology, science, fine arts, design, arts, architecture, engineering, museum studies, or equivalent and must be a returning student in Fall of 2017. Experience with the preparation and handling of vertebrate fossil material is an asset. Applicant must have basic computer and technology skills, the ability to lift moderately heavy objects, and be fluent in written and spoken English.

Ideal candidates will be those with extensive fossil preparation experience using standard palaeontological techniques, knowledge and/or interest in palaeontology, geology, and/or natural history of the region, experience working with plaster, molding materials, and stonemasonry, attention to detail, good organizational skills, the ability to work independently on focused tasks, and supervision experience. The candidate must supply a valid Standard First Aid certificate, a police security check, and a child welfare check upon selection for the position. The candidate must also be available to work Saturdays from June 24 through Aug. 26, 2017.

To Apply: Any eligible student is welcome to apply for this position. Email your resume and a cover letter to the following address: dlarson@dinomuseum.ca

Application deadline: Monday, April 10, 2017. Only successful candidates will be selected and contacted for the interview process. Skype interviews are possible.