



Summer Palaeontology Field Assistant

Job Posting

February 6, 2020

Job Title: Summer Palaeontology Field Assistant

Wage: \$18 / hour

Organization: Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum

Address: Box 328, 9301-112 Ave., Wembley, Alberta, Canada, T0H 3S0

Language: English (fluent, written & spoken)

Immediate Supervisor: Assistant Curator, Derek Larson

Type of work: Assisting with palaeontology field research, 16 weeks, 37.5 hours / week (7.5 hours / day)

No. of positions: One

Start / end dates: May 11, 2020, to September 1, 2020

Application deadline: April 6, 2020

Job Description

The Summer Palaeontology Field Assistant will serve a specific role in the research and education mandate assisting with fossil collection in the field. The student will assist as necessary in the field and with supervision of a paid public excavation program at our Pipestone Creek fossil site. The position will both make use of proper palaeontological field techniques and teach those field techniques to museum visitors. In addition to fieldwork, as necessary, the position will assist the Assistant Curator and Summer Palaeontology Technician and Collections Assistant in the lab with fossil preparation and volunteer supervision. The Summer Palaeontology Field Assistant will be based out of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum, with many days spent primarily outdoors at various fossil sites.



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The ideal candidate must have the following qualities:

1. Currently attending and will be returning to post-secondary education with a degree in palaeontology, geology, archaeology, museum studies, zoology, biology, science, engineering, or equivalent.
2. An Alberta Class 5 or higher Driver's License or equivalent.
3. Knowledgeable or interested in Alberta's palaeontology, geology, and/or natural history.
4. Attention to detail, good organizational skills, and the ability to work independently on focussed tasks.
5. Fluent in written and spoken English.
6. Basic computer and technology skills, including experience using Microsoft Excel.
7. The ability to lift moderately heavy objects.

Preference will be given to candidates who have:

1. Experience preparing and/or handling fossils in a lab or field setting.
2. Supervision experience.
3. An Alberta Class 4 or higher Driver's License or equivalent.

We are an equal opportunity employer, and any eligible person is welcome to apply for this position. To apply, visit the following website to register in the YCW online candidate inventory: <https://young-canada-works.canada.ca>. Application deadline Sunday, April 6th. Email your cover letter and resume to the following address:

Email: dlarson@dinomuseum.ca

A shortlist of approximately five candidates will be contacted after the application deadline. Selection will be based on past experience as well as how well the candidate relates those experiences to the listed desired qualities in their cover letter. Please note only successful shortlisted candidates will be contacted and selected for the interview process. Online video interviews are possible. Interviews will be conducted and final selection made by two members of the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum Palaeontology Department. During the interview process, YCW eligibility and registration in the YCW online candidate inventory will be verified.