Student Employee Position Description

Job Title: Curator Assistant—Zooarchaeology  
Division: Anthropological Collections  
Supervisor: Dr. Gabriel Sanchez  
Hours per Week: 10 per week  
Compensation: $15.16-16.10/hour depending on experience

The University of Oregon’s Museum of Natural and Cultural History (MNCH) enhances knowledge of Earth’s environment and cultures, inspiring stewardship of our collective past, present, and future. MNCH is Oregon’s primary repository for anthropological and paleontological collections.

Purpose of Position:
The Museum of Natural and Cultural History curates an extensive collection of comparative skeletal specimens housed in the Department of Anthropology in Condon Hall assembled over the last 40 years. Due to recent collections acquisitions from the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology, and Heritage Research Associates, among others, the new acquisitions are being integrated into the collection. As part of this position, the student employee will assist with cataloging, labeling, sorting, and storing the new acquisitions.

Duties:
• Coordinate acquisition curation with zooarchaeology curator  
• Label animal bones following laboratory protocols  
• Catalog specimens in Microsoft Excel  
• Maintain organized collections sorted taxonomically by animal class and family and skeletal element  
• Other duties as assigned

We recognize that the qualifications required to excel in this position can come from a range of both professional and lived experiences. Below we describe what we believe to be the most important qualifications for a candidate to have, and we are open to many different backgrounds and experiences that can lead people to develop these skill sets. We strongly encourage applications from anyone who feels passionate about the work and believes they have what it takes to thrive in this role.

Training will be provided.

Qualifications:
• Experience or desire to gain experience working in a laboratory or museum setting  
• Background or interest in anthropology  
• Excellent communication skills by email and in person  
• Organized and detail-oriented person that can work well individually and in group settings

Preferred Qualifications:
• Work study (not required)  
• Experience in database management  
• Biology background

How to Apply:
Application accepted through the Handshake website (https://career.uoregon.edu/handshake). Submit a cover letter, résumé, and two professional references. Please include your current class schedule and
indicate if you have federal work study or not. Resume review is ongoing. Positions are open until filled.

Start date: September 26th, 2023.

Questions? Contact Gabriel Sanchez, Zooarchaeology Curator, at gsanche2@uoregon.edu