

Internship in Invertebrate Paleontology: Fall 2018

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

The Department of Invertebrate Paleontology (LACMIP) at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is offering part-time (6 hrs/week) internships at the Museum's off-site collection facility in Carson, CA. This fossil invertebrate collection is the largest paleontological collection of its kind in Southern California and ranks nationally with over 7 million specimens.

Interns will work directly with collections staff to meet the digitization goals of three ongoing NSF grants: *Fossil Insects of L.A.: Critical Additions to the Fossil Insect Collaborative*, *Curating the Cretaceous Sea of California*, and *Eastern Pacific Invertebrate Communities of the Cenozoic (EPICC)*. More information about these projects can be found on our website: <https://research.nhm.org/ip/>.

Successful applicants will be expected to commit to a minimum of 8 weeks (6 hr/week), which may be extended depending on the individual's performance and project needs. Interns will report to the Invertebrate Paleontology collections managers. While these positions are unpaid, students can arrange to earn academic credit in exchange for their participation in the program.



Potential training opportunities:

- Learn to image fossil specimens using professional photography equipment and software.
- Learn to use relational databases, perform data entry, and maintain high standards of data quality.
- Learn methods for georeferencing, locality description, and basic GIS data management.
- Learn to handle and organize natural history collections.
- Learn to identify fossil insects and/or marine invertebrates.

Qualifications:

- Successful applicants will be expected to work independently and respectfully with others in a busy office setting, take direction with careful attention to detail, maintain a reliable schedule, and communicate regularly with collections staff.
- Demonstrable interest(s) in biology, geology, geography/GIS, entomology, malacology, paleontology, museums, or related fields
- Transportation to and from the collections facility in Carson, CA
- Eagerness to learn



Outcomes:

- Interns can seek to earn academic credit within their degree program
- Mentorship by museum professionals and staff scientists
- Unique experience working in one of the largest invertebrate paleontology collections in the United States

Applicants should send a résumé/curriculum vitae, letter of interest, and three professional/academic references (including your academic advisor) to Assistant Collections Manager, Lindsay Walker (lwalker@nhm.org). The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. No phone calls or faxes, please.