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Everyone knows The Natural History Museum. A world-renowned resource, we house one of the world's largest natural history collections and act as an international centre of excellence in scientific research. The NHM Palaeontology Department manages nine million specimens, ranging from the earliest single-celled life forms to Bronze Age biota. Our scientists collaborate with researchers from leading UK and overseas universities, undertake diverse consultancy projects and maintain comprehensive resources for preparing and researching our collections. You can shape the future of these collections, and contribute to this research, in one of two new positions.

Curator

£22,000 to £25,000 + Benefits

Initially responsible for the fossil echinoderm and bryozoan collections, your remit will extend department-wide in curation, conservation, databasing, and information-access projects. A BSc degree in earth science, biological science or museum studies is required along with a broad knowledge of palaeontology and a proven curatorial track record. Above all, you must have experience with invertebrate taxonomy/stratigraphy and standard collections-management procedures. Experience making public presentations and technical writing are both desirable.

Conservator/Preparator

£22,000 to £25,000 + Benefits

Operating across the department (and beyond), you will be expected to materially assist research and curation projects and deliver expert advice specimen conservation topics. A degree or qualification in conservation and/or the natural sciences is required, backed by appropriate collections experience within a museum setting. IT literacy and demonstrable experience with laboratory management are also essential. Finally, a current driving license would be a major asset as you could find yourself travelling regularly.

For full job descriptions and to apply online, please visit www.nhm.ac.uk/jobs

To learn more about the Palaeontology Department, please see www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/departments/palaeontology/index.html

Closing date: 15 February 2008.

*To confirm receipt of your application call the Museum response line on 0870 241 9031 between 11am to 2pm Monday to Friday only.
No telephone requests for details will be accepted.*

At the Natural History Museum, we value the diversity of our employees and the unique perspectives they contribute.