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Preston – Natural History Conservation & Collection Care

In partnership with the Lancashire Conservation Studios & Renaissance NW

Venue: Lancashire Conservation Studios, Preston

Supervisor: James Dickinson, Conservation Officer – Natural History & Taxidermy

12 months, March 2011-March 2102

This internship provides an opportunity to develop an appreciation and understanding of the requirements of a natural history expert working within the museums sector. In addition, the successful candidate will develop a range of practical conservation and collection care skills applicable to natural history collections.

Key skills developed as part of this internship will be:

- Core classification and identification skills
- Health and safety and legislative requirements when working with natural history collections
- Dealing with wet-preserved collections
- Cleaning and repair of old taxidermy
- Conservation care of entomology
- Conservation care of molluscs
- Caring for botanical collections
- Assessing and condition surveying natural history collections
- Documentation skills, working with nomenclature standards

As an ongoing theme throughout the programme the intern will learn about the specialist requirements for the environmental requirements, storage, display and interpretation of natural history collections. Note that the internship does not cover geological specimens.

This is a unique opportunity for someone who can demonstrate manual dexterity, self-motivation, patience, and appreciation at the prospect of working with historic material. The intern will work as part of the conservation & technical service team based in Preston, where much of the practical work will be carried out. [Lancashire Conservation Studios](#) in partnership with Renaissance North West will also arrange a number of placements in institutions – eg Manchester Museum - across the northwest where the intern will develop the key skills listed.

This placement would be suitable for a graduate in a Natural Science, Conservation, or Collections Care subject. You do not need to have a conservation qualification to apply but a knowledge of and interest in Natural History is essential.

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***Please apply using the application form on the Icon website only.
Closing date : December 13th. Interviews will be held in January 2011..***