ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM

Conservation Rehousing Volunteer

Join our Conservation team to contribute to a significant rehousing project to better preserve and protect our natural history collections for future generations. Learn more about conservation best practices and help build storage solutions for the RAM's natural history specimens.

Qualifications

- Experience/proficiency using power tools (handheld power drill/screwdriver/saw)
- Comfortable working with utility knives
- Accurate measuring skills and attention to detail
- Appreciation for Entomology and our other Natural History collections
- Additional assets: ability to lift objects up to 30lbs/15 kg

Responsibilities

- Create new bottom panels for our insect collection trays to prevent deterioration of our specimens
- Measure and cut polypropylene sheets (Bubble-X) to custom fit the bases of various sized collection trays
- Modifying handles by removing drawer pulls, filling holes and reattaching new hardware
- Assistance moving the collection trays
- Adhere to safe handling, conservation and security guidelines

Rewards

- Training in standard museum natural history collections management and preventive conservation storage practices
- Hands-on museum conservation experience
- Make connections with other museum professionals
- Satisfaction of contributing to the maintenance of museum collection

Volunteer experience will also help build basic workplace skills development:

- Attention to Detail: (From measuring accurately to the final finish, ensuring a high-quality outcome)
- Problem-Solving: (Assess situations, identify issues with materials, devise creative, practical solutions)
- Manual Dexterity & Hand-Eye Coordination (fine motor skills and accuracy when working with tools)
- Teamwork Skills (working with others and contributing to projects & tasks)
- Personal Management Skills (flexibility, adaptability, time management)

Time Commitment

- One 5-hour shift per week for a minimum 6-month commitment
- Weekdays (Monday to Thursday) between 8:30am to 4:30pm