Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History
Position Description

Title: Curator
Schlinger Foundation Chair of Entomology
Classification: Full-time, Exempt
Department: Invertebrate Zoology
Reports To: Director of Collections & Research
Created: Revised: November 2014

Position Summary: Primary responsibilities include the continuing development, curation and study of the Museum’s collection of insects and other terrestrial arthropods from the California Channel Islands and the adjacent diverse habitats of the southern Californian regions, as well as energetic leadership of museum educational programs promoting the study and appreciation of insects and their environments.

Curational and Research Responsibilities:
- Serves as the primary resource in entomology, being able to identify specimens and provide information and services to all Museum constituents.
- Collects and curates insects, and other terrestrial arthropods, with a specific emphasis on the fauna of the Santa Barbara region including the adjacent Channel Islands.
- Ensures the continued high quality of the collection and its accessibility to visiting scientists and students, with the goal of creating a noteworthy resource for research. Will also serve as collection manager of insects and other arthropods, excluding crustaceans.
- Maintains a high level of scholarship and an active program in collections-based research, including authoring publications in scientific and/or popular works.
- Long-term research efforts include the creation of a comprehensive taxonomic and bibliographical inventory and database of insects and other terrestrial arthropods found in the Santa Barbara region.
- Develops and maintains a presence in the professional entomological community through attendance and participation at meetings and other venues as the Museum representative.
- Creates, or fosters, opportunities to collaborate on research initiatives with local government agencies and institutions such as the University of California, Santa Barbara.
- Recognizes and develops opportunities for funding and additional support as needed.

Museum Programs Responsibilities:
- Helps develop and participate in museum-sponsored public programs, including lectures, field trips, collection tours and other interactions involving insects and other terrestrial arthropods.
- Participates in the operation and management of the Museum’s seasonal Butterfly Pavilion.
- Participates as a resource in the design and function of the Museum’s Curiosity Lab as well as its new outdoor programs. These functions include instructing volunteers, student interpreters and interns as needed.
- Advises and collaborates on Museum exhibit projects including the acquisition, preparation and conservation of display insects, including living specimens when required.
- Contributes appropriate articles and notices to Museum publications on a regular basis.
- Participates in the general programs and activities of the Museum as needed, such as Member’s Open Houses, and standing committees.

Essential Requirements:
- Ph.D. in Entomology, or related subject
- Experience in insect collecting methodology, collection curation, and a record of collections-based research
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- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to be an enthusiastic interpreter on all aspects of general entomology to the general public and local media
- Excellent writing skills
- Strong working knowledge of computer software programs and databases

Work Environment:

- General office environment with occasional work throughout the museum’s facilities (exhibit halls, conference rooms & galleries) with frequent research work outdoors (day and evening hours)
- Frequent work on computers (repetitive movement – typing)
- Standard scientific research laboratory environment with occasional use of ethanol, formalin, and histological chemicals
- Frequent sitting, standing, walking, climbing stairs and bending with occasional hiking and climbing
- Occasional lifting of moderate loads (50-75 lbs)

The incumbent must be able to perform each requirement of the position as outlined in the job description. **Essential Requirements** are representative and are essential for satisfactory job performance. The **Work Environment** characteristics are representative of those that may be encountered while on the job. The Museum will make reasonable accommodations to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions of the position.

Signatures:

Employee
I have read this position description and understand its contents.

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Employee Signature

Museum
This position description accurately describes the critical and important duties assigned to this position.

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Department Head

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Chief Operating Officer

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Human Resources