



ACCESS Paleo SoCal Program Interns

Synopsis of Program:

The Advancing Community College Education and Student Success in paleontology project, or ACCESS, is a collaborative project created at the University of California Museum of Paleontology (UCMP) to build collaborations with local community colleges to increase access to STEM fields like geosciences & paleontology for students from historically excluded and underrepresented groups and communities. ACCESS Paleo SoCal is a branch of the project developed in collaboration between the Alf Museum and UCMP aimed to provide opportunities for students in Southern California.

Program Description:

During this 7-week program, students will be introduced to the fields of paleontology, geosciences, museum science, and science communication. Students will work with staff of the Alf Museum and mentors to learn skills and best practices in fossil preparation, curation, research, and science communication. Students will also be provided an opportunity to participate in a summer research project. In addition, weekly field trips to other science institutions and universities will provide students to meet and learn about careers paths from professionals currently in the field.

As part of the program, interns and mentors will be provided an opportunity to attend the Geological Society of America annual meeting in the Fall of 2023 to present the results of their research project. Following the program, ACCESS alumni will be offered continued support through check-ins and other networking opportunities.

Participation in the program is a part-time commitment (21 hours/week Tuesday - Thursday) for a consecutive seven-week period between June 27 – August 10, 2023. A stipend of \$2,000 will be provided at the start of the internship.

- Interns will be sent a 1099 tax form for their tax filing.

Application Period:

February 1 – March 30, 2023.

Selected applicants will be notified by April 15, 2022.

Eligibility Information:

The ACCESS Paleo SoCal internship is intended to recruit students from historically excluded and underrepresented groups or communities (including but not limited to: BIPOC, 2SLGBTQIA+, first generation students, disabled students, and students from low-income families) who seek to transfer to four-year institutions in pursuit of a degree in paleontology,

museum science, and other related fields. Preference will be given to students who have not yet had extensive internship experiences prior to applying for this program.

Students must:

- Be currently enrolled at a 2-year institution (community college). Students must have completed at least one semester or two quarters by June 2023.
- Reside or attend college in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, or Riverside counties
- Be a United States citizen or legally authorized to work, study, or reside in the US.

Application Preparation and Submission Instructions:

Applicants should provide the following and complete their application by March 30, 2023.

- ACCESS Paleo SoCal application and completed questions.
- Proof of enrollment in your current institution (unofficial transcript, student ID, etc.)

Selected applicants must complete the following by June 9, 2023:

- Live Scan criminal background check
- W-9 Tax Form
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination and/or boosters (or valid exemption)

Funding:

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COVID-19 Policy:

The Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology is located on the campus of The Webb Schools and follows all campus policies regarding COVID-19. Selected interns must be able to provide proof of vaccination and/or boosters or valid exemption to participate in the program, consistent with The Webb Schools policy at the time of the program. Daily health screenings through the Passport app will also be required. This is subject to change based on the advice or directives of the local, state, and/or federal governments, and our medical advisory board.

For questions about the program such as eligibility or application process, please email Gabriel Santos at gsantos@alfmuseum.org