



## Connecting Families and Young People to Nature

### Public Engagement

#### Project Summary and Detail

This placement is recruiting **two undergraduate students** to support the Museum's public engagement activities. This will involve:

**1. Mentoring and supporting young people enrolled in the Natural Science and Heritage Scheme (NSHS)**

The NSHS provides Year 12 and 13 pupils from underrepresented backgrounds with three weeks of work experience at the museum. The pupils enrolled in the NSHS attend a series of workshops and activities that explore nature and museums and also deliver family activities in the Museum. The undergraduate bursary students will work with Museum staff to support the Year 12 and 13 pupils enrolled on the Scheme and help deliver their activities.

**2. Developing and delivering family activities during the school summer holidays**

OUMNH runs a busy family programme of activities both on and off-site during the school summer holidays. The undergraduate placement students will work with Museum staff to develop and deliver family activities e.g. object handling sessions, trails.

The undergraduate students will be required to write a 500-word report about their experience at the end of their placements.



## Selection Criteria

### Essential

- Studying an undergraduate science degree
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively with museum visitors and teenagers
- Enthusiasm for working with children and families
- Ability to write clear reports
- Enhanced DBS check

### Desirable

- Experience working with teenagers who are facing disadvantage
- Experience working in a public setting

## Outcomes for the Student

This project provides particularly valuable experience for students interested in a career in museums or science education:

- Experience mentoring Year 12 and 13 pupils
- Hands-on experience delivering family programming in an informal learning setting
- Developing targeted communication skills for engaging with different audiences

## Reasonable Adjustments

The museum is committed to making reasonable adjustments to its summer placements to make sure that students with disabilities or health conditions are not substantially disadvantaged. If you are concerned about meeting the selection criteria for a project of interest, or completing relevant tasks, please get in touch with [ella.mckelvey@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ella.mckelvey@oum.ox.ac.uk) before submitting your application to discuss possible adjustments to the project.

## General Enquiries

To find out more about this project, please email [ella.mckelvey@oum.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ella.mckelvey@oum.ox.ac.uk)