

Bug Gallery: Predator Volunteer

Share your enthusiasm for live bugs by joining the Live Animals volunteer team. Assist with the feeding and maintenance of fascinating local and exotic insects at Royal Alberta Museum. After you have completed your feeding and maintenance duties, reach into the cages and bring some of the bugs out to greet visitors of all ages. This is a great way to share your knowledge of bugs with visitors of all ages.

Qualifications

- Knowledge of Entomology or past animal care experience preferred
- Comfortable working with and handling a variety of invertebrates
- Enthusiastic and outgoing; strong communication skills
- Desire to learn and willingness to accept direction
- Reliable and punctual
- Able to work independently, with small groups and the public (children and adults)

Responsibilities

- Assist with feeding/watering and caring for a variety of live invertebrates including spiders, scorpions, centipedes and assassin bugs
- Handling of feeder crickets, flies and cockroaches
- Cleaning and cage maintenance
- Show bugs to the public; share information about invertebrate diversity, life history and adaptations
- Monitor food supplies and ensure restocking is complete
- Follow guidelines and staff direction on care and maintenance
- Successfully complete required training

Rewards

- Experience in Entomology and caring for invertebrates
- Opportunity to learn about the diversity of invertebrates and contribute in a large research, educational and curatorial museum

Volunteer experience will also help build basic workplace skills development:

- Personal Management Skills (flexibility, adaptability, time management)
- Teamwork Skills (working with others and contributing to projects & tasks)
- Communication Skills (share information, clarify ideas, public speaking)

Time Commitment

Pinch-hitter role:

- Fill in for volunteer absences, taking place on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, up to 5 shifts per month. Three-hour shift to take place any time between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm, with a minimum commitment of 6 months