



Natural History Museum of Utah Volunteer Program Climate Gallery Interpreter Position

NHMU Mission: The Natural History Museum of Utah illuminates the natural world and the place of humans within it. Gallery Interpreter volunteers play a critical role in sparking excitement, curiosity, and an appreciation for the natural world in Museum guests.

Position Summary: Gallery Interpreters are an essential part of the Museum experience. They bring the exhibits to life, helping to create lasting impressions of both natural history and current scientific research. In this position, volunteers will help visitors better understand the local realities and solutions of climate change. Specifically, Climate Gallery interpreters will create a safe positive solution-oriented atmosphere where they answer questions, give examples, and help make a complex issue like climate change accessible and surmountable to the interested public.

Volunteers will interact with guests in the *Climate of Hope* exhibit, helping visitors understand the impact of climate change on our community, and how we as a community can address it. The Climate of Hope exhibit will open to the public in September, until then volunteers will practice in the Wildlife Rescue special exhibit.

Volunteers may be asked to assist with the training of new Gallery Interpreters. Volunteers will have the opportunity to assist with NHMU Special Event programming as opportunities arise. Gallery Interpreter volunteers must be willing to participate in one-one-one meetings with the coordinator to ensure performance. Volunteers are encouraged to attend NHMU Continuing Education programs for volunteers (see below).

Other Benefits: Volunteers at the Natural History Museum of Utah expand their knowledge of the natural world through specialized training, enjoy behind-the-scenes access, and interact with the Museum's research staff. They broaden their social circle by making connections with fellow volunteers, Museum staff, and Museum guests; they contribute to scientific research, and make an impact in increasing scientific literacy and awareness in the local community, and beyond. This is a particularly great role for anyone pursuing a career in science, education, or nonprofit work. This role ensures a front-row seat to the inner workings of a world-class Museum, and a great opportunity for career connections and mentoring!

In addition, the Museum offers the following benefits:

- Volunteer t-shirt and nametag
- Free admission into the museum
- Two free guest passes for every 25 hours of service
- Museum membership discount
- Discount at Museum Store
- Use of the volunteer lounge
- Continuing Education programs, including lectures and tours
- Professional development opportunities



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- Invitation to social and recognition events

Department: Public Programs, Education and Community Engagement

Supervisor: Dane Crowton

Skills/Abilities:

- Professionalism and presence
- Excellent communication skills; good listener and confident speaker
- Enjoys speaking with the general public
- Interest in science
- Ability to be courteous, respectful, and patient with visitors
- Punctual, reliable, responsible, and dependable
- Adaptable and creative
- Cooperative nature; ability to accept instruction and correction
- Desire to learn as well as teach
- Willingness to participate in ongoing education to develop skills and knowledge
- Ability to do independent training and research online

Training Required: All volunteers are required to complete an Online Volunteer Orientation, which should take about 1 hour to complete from home, and a 75-minute On-Site Museum Orientation. Climate Gallery Interpreters (G.I.s) are required to attend all the class dates listed below for a total of 3 hours in G.I. basics, 4 hours in NNOCCI training, and 2 hours of shadowing.

Training Schedule:

Online Volunteer Orientation, to be completed at home

On-Site Museum Orientation, 75 minutes, RSVP required:

- Offered weekly, to be scheduled after completion of Online Volunteer Orientation

G.I. Basics Class, 3 hours RSVP required:

- Wed. May 24th, 6pm-7:30pm
- Wed. May 31st, 6pm-7:30pm

G.I. Shadowing:

- Throughout June: TBD by G.I.
- Throughout July: TBD by G.I.

NNOCCI Training:

- Wed. July 12th, 6pm-8pm
- Wed. July 26th, 6pm-8pm

Shifts Available:

- Tues-Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. OR 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., weekly
- Saturday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. OR 12:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., every other week



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Time Commitment: 1 shift per week (or every other week for weekend shifts), for a one-year term

Age Requirement: 16 years or older

Background checks are required for all volunteers 18 years and older

Accommodations available for volunteers

Participants 18 and older, [click here to apply!](#)

Participants 16-17 years old, [click here to apply!](#)

Thank you for your interest in the Natural History Museum of Utah!