

BIOLOGY LAB SPECIMEN ORGANIZATION VOLUNTEER

The Biology Department at the Science Museum of Minnesota is seeking a volunteer to organize skin, skeletal, and fluid specimens of birds and mammals in the Biology Lab for cataloging and permanent storage. The volunteer will work mostly independently and alone in the Biology Lab and will be overseen by Dr. Dakota Rowsey, Biology Collections Manager, with input from Dr. Catherine Early, Barbara Brown Chair of Ornithology.

Responsibilities:

- Identifying information on specimen tags and sorting specimens into groups based on data available
- Recording locations of specimens on provided Google Sheet
- Indicating when specimens are missing from sheet and adding specimens with data if necessary
- Working with Dr. Rowsey and Dr. Early to catalog specimens when organized
- Rehousing specimens into permanent collection spaces
- Handling dry remains of deceased animals

Necessary skills:

- Ability to navigate Google Drive
- Data lookup and entry in a Google Sheet spreadsheet
- Legible handwriting and careful spelling
- Attention to detail on specimen tags

All equipment needed for this project will be provided by SMM.