Museum Technician and Curator

**Job Description:** Restore, maintain, or prepare objects in museum collections for storage, research, or exhibits. May work with specimens such as fossils, skeletal parts, or botanicals; or artifacts, textiles, and art. May identify and record objects or install and arrange them in exhibits.

**What does a Museum Technician do?**

* Install, arrange, assemble, and prepare artifacts for exhibition, ensuring the artifacts' safety, reporting their status and condition, identifying and correcting any problems with the set-up
* Repair, restore, and reassemble artifacts, designing and fabricating missing or broken parts to prevent deterioration
* Clean objects, such as paper, textiles, wood, metal, glass, rock, pottery, and furniture, using cleaners, solvents, soap solutions, and polishes
* Enter information about museum collections into computer databases
* Study object documentation or conduct standard chemical and physical tests to ascertain the object's age, composition, original appearance, need for treatment or restoration, and appropriate preservation method

**Outlook:**

Technician

Average Salary - $22.90 hourly, $47,630 annually

Projected Job Openings - 1,900 in the next 10 years

Curator

Average Salary - $28.90 hourly, $60,110 annually

Projected Job Openings - 1,900 in the next 10 years

**Your Interests:**

* Are you interesting in working for a science, history, or art museum?
* Do you want to handle items of scientific and/or historical importance?
* Are you detail-oriented?

**Education/Program of Study:**

* Most entry-level technician positions require a bachelor's degree. Specialized or curator positions require a master's degree.
* Degree paths include information technologies, chemistry, history, materials science, and other related fields.