



STEM Careers

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

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?

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

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.

Sources:

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