

The American Bald Eagle Foundation

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Shirley Internship in Museum Curation

Hours per week: 40

Compensation: Housing, twice per month stipend (\$500), travel provided

The American Bald Eagle Foundation (ABEF) is a 501c3 nonprofit nature center in Haines, Alaska. The Natural History Museum features over 200 specimens representing Southeast Alaska's natural, geological, and cultural history. The Raptor Center is home to 6 birds of prey who live and work on display. Our mission is the preservation of the bald eagle and its habitat through education, stewardship, and research. The museum and Raptor Center collections help us achieve this mission by giving our guests up-close and personal experiences with wildlife and wild places. The Shirley internship program is funded by an endowment from one of our founders, Ed Shirley.

Museum Curation interns support the Foundation by performing many daily operational duties. They will also learn basic museum maintenance, how to prepare study specimens, and how to catalog and identify collections. Successful candidates will be personally motivated and interested in museum exhibit maintenance and taxidermy. A basic understanding of avian and mammal anatomy is recommended. Understanding graphic design is helpful if they wish to create an exhibit for their final project. Interns will accommodate their commitments with daily avian care and guest education.

On a daily basis, interns are responsible for:

- Educational programming (formal and informal)
 - Implementing program curriculum for guests of all ages
 - Leading public natural and cultural history talks
- Back of house cleaning and maintenance
- Admissions/reception duties
- Live animal care, including diet preparation, aviary cleaning and maintenance, enrichment creation and delivery
- Other tasks as assigned by the Museum Director/Curator

You must be able to:

- Be open-minded and have a willingness to learn
- Lift up to 50 lbs
- Work in any weather conditions
- Work with deceased prey items
- Work safely with birds of prey
- Work safely with taxidermy
- Work occasional nights and weekends