



**Preparator (m/f/d) for fossil aquatic vertebrates, permanent full-time position at the
State Museum of Natural History in Stuttgart**

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The State Museum of Natural History Stuttgart (SMNS), with its two locations Museum am Löwentor and Schloss Rosenstein, is one of the largest natural history museums in Germany with about 180 employees and sees itself as a future-oriented research and educational institution. Its paleontological collections and exhibitions are of global and historical importance beyond the focus on south-western Germany; the preparation of fossil finds from the Swabian Alb, in particular from the Posidonia Shale, enjoys an excellent reputation.

Would you like to contribute to the research and communication of natural history contexts through your fossil preparation work? Are you looking for a meaningful job? Do you value team spirit, a good working environment and mutual appreciation?

Then read on – we look forward to hearing from you!

We are seeking to fill the position of a

Preparator (m/f/d) for fossil aquatic vertebrates

by November 1, 2024.

Salary scale Egb TV-L, permanent position, fulltime (39.5 hours/week), job-sharing possible.

For this task, the SMNS is looking for an experienced geological-paleontological preparator (m/f/d) with the motivation and ability for high-quality preparation of fossil finds including both fishes and large Mesozoic marine reptiles from the Posidonia Shale, who enjoys conservation of previously excavated finds and participation in paleontological exhibition projects of the Natural History Museum Stuttgart.

Your main tasks:

- Preparation, molding and casting of vertebrate material, especially small delicate specimens in (generally but not exclusively) black shale and limestone nodules but also including larger projects (i.e., large articulated marine reptile finds)
- Extracting samples for histological, isotopic, and sedimentary projects (e.g. coring, extracting delicate teeth and/or scales from slab-mounted vertebrate material)
- Collections maintenance (identifying and stabilizing specimens affected by pyrite decay, regluing damaged material, retrofitting drawers with foam supporting molds, assistance with pyrite monitoring)
- Participation in occasional fieldwork and the willingness to take over driving duties with an institutional vehicle is required.
- Willingness to take responsibility for the offsite paleontological storage facilities

Desired optional tasks:

- Collections digitization (photogrammetric models, photography of type materials, creating a digital inventory of collection contents stored offsite)

- Assistance with collections visitors, students and trainees

Requirements:

- Completed training (with certificate) as a geological-paleontological preparator or Technical assistant for natural history museums and research institutes (m/f/d) with appropriate specialization or comparable training as well as several years of professional experience in fossil preparation
- Interest and some experience in field work
- Manual skills and safe handling of sometimes heavy technical equipment (e.g. masonry saws, welding torches etc.)
- Experience in dealing with collections of fossil vertebrates is also desired.
- Personal commitment and ability to work in a team with the responsible curator and other technicians/project members
- Capability to work independently, organizational skills, reliability and flexibility
- Class B driver's license and the willingness to take over driving duties
- Good English language skills are an asset

Our offer:

- The opportunity to make a significant contribution to the collection and expansion of an internationally renowned research museum through your preparational work
- A working environment characterized by appreciation, openness and commitment to the organization
- A secure job with all social benefits of the collective agreement for the public service of the federal states (TV-L)
- Additional benefits such as special annual payment, employer-funded pension scheme, a subsidized ticket for public transport, capital-building benefits and occupational health management services
- A large, very competent and collegial team of technicians for further professional exchange
- Professional and personal development opportunities through special training courses
- An attractive workplace in the centre of Stuttgart that is easily accessible by bike, bus and train
- Flextime and family-friendly working hours (certified according to the berufundfamilie audit)
- Free visits to the museum and the Wilhelma for the family of employees

The SMNS promotes equality among its employees and therefore welcomes applications from all people regardless of their gender, cultural and social background, age, religion, ideology, disability or sexual identity. Since the promotion of equality between women and men is particularly important to us, we expressly encourage qualified women to apply. Preference will be given to severely disabled applicants (m/f/d) if they are equally qualified. The position is generally divisible.

Sounds good to you?

If so, please send your electronic application – in a single PDF-file, max. 5 MB – with cover letter, CV and relevant certificates to preparator-aquatic-vertebrates@smns-bw.de by August 30st, 2024 at the latest. Interviews (hybrid/via Zoom) are scheduled for September 11th, 2024.

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