

The Wyoming Dinosaur Center Internship Program



The Wyoming Dinosaur Center (WDC) offers a hands-on, immersive internship designed to give students and emerging professionals direct experience in paleontology, museum operations, and science communication. Located in Thermopolis, Wyoming—home to the famous hot springs and one of the world's richest fossil sites—the WDC provides interns with a rare opportunity to work alongside experienced paleontologists, educators, and museum staff in a dynamic environment.

Interns participate in active fieldwork at our internationally recognized dig sites, learning proper excavation methods, fossil identification, site documentation, and mapping. In the preparation laboratory, interns receive training in fossil cleaning, stabilization, molding, casting, and cataloging, helping to preserve specimens for research and future exhibits. Interns assist visitors, answer scientific questions, perform museum and dig site tours, and guide public programs that bring paleontology to life for guests of all ages.



Beyond field and lab work, interns gain valuable experience in the behind-the-scenes operations of a major paleontological institution, including collections management, exhibit preparation, educational outreach, and special projects tied to ongoing research. Interns are encouraged to explore their areas of interest and contribute meaningfully to the WDC's mission of scientific discovery, public education, and fossil stewardship

By the end of the internship, participants will have developed practical skills, professional confidence, and real-world experience in paleontology and museum science—an asset for future academic, field, or STEM-related careers. The Wyoming Dinosaur Center is committed to providing a supportive learning environment where curiosity is encouraged, hard work is valued, and every intern becomes part of our longstanding tradition of discovery.

Housing is provided for internship participants, offering convenient, shared accommodations near the Wyoming Dinosaur Center. Interns must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license held for a minimum of two years. A weekly stipend is included to help offset living expenses during the internship term. To apply, please send your CV, completed questionnaire, and internship application to intern@wyomingdinosaurcenter.org.

