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PICS 2010 Internship Description

Organization Name: Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, Research & Collections

Internship Location: 900 Exposition Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Required Dates: Yes No If yes, internship must start on: n/a and end on n/a or must include the period: n/a

Housing Will Be Available to Intern: Yes No If yes, housing will be free: or housing will cost the student: n/a

Expected working schedule for this internship:

Start Time: 9am End Time: 5pm
Lunch break: 1 hour (duration) n/a (specific time, if applicable)

Additional Information, if necessary: n/a
(Please indicate if any of the preparation work will take place outside of the regular work schedule)

Organization Description

Please describe your organization briefly, including mission statement, activities, size etc. Please also explain the benefit that will be derived by your organization by sponsoring a Princeton intern.

The mission of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County (NHM) is to inspire wonder, discovery and responsibility for our natural and cultural worlds. The NHM has amassed one of the world's most extensive and valuable collections of natural and cultural history — more than 35 million objects, some as old as 4.5 billion years. Its curatorial staff not only cares for those collections, but uses them for groundbreaking scientific and historic research. The Museum also curates new, immersive exhibitions that give visitors the opportunity to explore the “big picture” of our planet — specimens and objects, the stories behind them, and the increasing interrelatedness of the natural and cultural worlds.

Internship Description

Describe in detail the work or project will do; please be as specific as possible. Please also explain the benefit that a student will obtain by interning with your organization.

The student will evaluate the impact of Museum research and the state of our museum's collections. This project will gather information for the writing of a comprehensive report that compares research outputs of the Los Angeles County Museum with those of other major

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museums in North America, Canada and other parts of the world. It aims to benchmark our research productivity and inform the museum's senior management and Board on the impact of our research throughout the scientific world, as well as in the general community. The successful candidate will go behind the scenes in the Museum, working with Curators, Collection Managers and archival sources to determine the Museum's past and present research performance metrics and tangible impacts of research, and compare quality of collections management systems to other leading museums. The student will report directly to Dr. John Long, Vice President of Research and Collections. The student will experience the scientific and technical work involved in the Museum's mission to inspire wonder, discovery and responsibility for our natural and cultural worlds.

Intern Qualifications

Describe any particular skills, background, or qualities you are seeking in an intern.

Experience with computer database systems is recommended.

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