



# University of Alaska Museum of the North VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT



**Title:** Director, Museum  
**Salary:** D.O.E.  
**Opening Date:** 10 April 2008  
**Closing Date:** 6 July 2008, or until filled

## Responsibilities

The Director of the University of Alaska Museum of the North will be responsible for its leadership and will have primary responsibility and authority for organizing, managing, and facilitating multidisciplinary research; fundraising; budget planning and management; and personnel and public relations. The Director is spokesperson and advocate for the Museum within and outside the University, is hierarchically equivalent to deans and directors of other units within the University, and reports directly to the Provost.

## Application

Applications should include a Curriculum Vitae, a letter of interest in the position, a vision statement, and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of five references. Apply at: [www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=62936](http://www.uakjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=62936)



The review process will begin 6 July and will continue until the position is filled. The position is expected to be filled no later than 1 April 2009. Candidacy will be held in confidence until finalists are selected.



## Minimum Qualifications

1. An advanced degree in a discipline appropriate to the Museum and appropriate for tenure in a UAF academic department.
2. A substantial record of research, publication, and education in a field of natural and/or cultural history.
3. Experience in museum administration, with preference given to experience in a university-affiliated museum and familiarity with the development of research collections in multiple disciplines.
4. A track record of excellent management skills, with evidence of successful leadership in program building, personnel operations, fundraising, marketing, and public relations.



The successful candidate will show evidence of commitment to developing the Museum's stature and its prominent, independent role within the University of Alaska. Finalists will demonstrate an understanding and support of the Museum's tripartite mission of research, teaching, and public service and will show evidence of interest and capability to manage programs with strong interdisciplinary and international components.



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## **DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA MUSEUM OF THE NORTH**

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is searching for a Director of the University of Alaska Museum of the North. The Museum, an AAM-accredited museum of natural and cultural history, is a center for the collection and preservation of objects from and related to Alaska and for research and education pertaining to the North. The Museum is the largest natural history museum in Alaska, and it is unique in maintaining research collections in: Life Sciences (botany, entomology, ichthyology, mammalogy, and ornithology), Earth Sciences (geology and paleontology), Anthropology (archeology and ethnology), Fine Arts, History, and the Alaska Center for Documentary Film. There are over 2 million objects and specimens in the Museum, including collections from the circumpolar north and Pacific Rim. The Museum also serves as the official state repository for scientific specimens collected on State, Native, and Federal lands.

The Museum's collections provide key information critical to questions of past and present biodiversity and include key indicators of local and global environmental and cultural change and sustainability. Through its collections-based research, teaching, and public learning programs, the museum shares its collections and knowledge with local, national, and international audiences of all ages and backgrounds. The Museum staff and collections comprise an integral part of instruction at the University. The collections support undergraduate and graduate courses and provide material for undergraduate projects, graduate theses, and professional research projects in many disciplines and for interdisciplinary studies. Objects in the collections are also used for traveling and in-house exhibitions. The permanent exhibit galleries and the changing exhibits are viewed by over 100,000 visitors annually. The Museum Store is a popular component of the Museum with visitors and the community. Museum public programs include the docent and volunteer programs and special lectures and events. The Museum enjoys widespread support from the community.

The Museum holds a prominently visible location on the West Ridge of the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus and has a spectacular view of the Tanana Valley and the Alaska Range. The award-winning recently expanded Museum is a distinct, modern, climate-controlled, high-security building totaling 84,611 sq. ft. on three levels. The Museum employs 37 permanent staff and 60-70 student assistants. In addition, there are 64 Museum Associates or Affiliates (40 Ph.D. and 24 M.A.), 20 docents and several volunteers. The Museum receives approximately \$1.4 million from the State Legislature for its annual operating budget, which represents ~22% of its annual operating budget. About 52% of the annual operating budget comes from gifts, grants, and contracts. The Museum's popularity as a tourist attraction is reflected in its ability to generate annually earned revenues of approximately \$1.4 million from the Museum Store and admissions.

The University of Alaska Fairbanks is a Land, Sea, and Space Grant Institution with the main campus in Fairbanks and branch campuses in five rural locations, with six additional community centers throughout much of the state. UAF offers a full complement of undergraduate courses and degrees as well as 51 Master's and 16 Ph.D. programs. UAF is the state's major research center and the only Ph.D.-granting institution in Alaska. The Director is hierarchically equivalent to deans and directors in other units and reports directly to the Provost.

Fairbanks is located in Alaska's Interior, with ready access to incredible outdoor opportunities. Being the second largest population center in the State, it has important cultural, artistic, and recreational opportunities not often available in a community of its size. Fairbanks' geographic location provides its citizens with opportunities to participate in many international ventures.

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