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Postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Palaeobiology

The Department of Palaeobiology of the Swedish Museum of Natural History conducts research on animal, plant, and microbe evolution throughout Earth's geological history. This research contributes to all four of the museum's research themes as outlined in the web site: http://www.nrm.se/english/researchandcollections/research.260_en.html. The department is also responsible for one of Europe's largest collections of animal and plant fossils.

Tasks

You will work within the project “Carnivores and the ecological footprint of early humans”, specifically collating data and undertaking quantitative analyses of the ecological impact of the arrival of members of the genus *Homo* in the Pleistocene of Europe, as well as contributing to ongoing study of the ecological impact of human evolution in Africa. You will be expected to travel to selected museum collections to complement existing data sets and to compile the results and interpretations into manuscripts for publication. You will also be expected to participate in the department's day-to-day planning and operation.

Qualifications

You have a PhD in palaeontology and an interest in continuing paleozoological studies. The PhD degree should have been received no more than five years before the deadline for applications. The work requires a high standard of English understanding and writing and a solid knowledge of mammalian taxonomy and systematics, good general computer skills, and an ability to work efficiently and independently. Experience with methods for evolutionary analysis in palaeontology is strongly advantageous. Working knowledge of R is a valuable asset, as is experience with databases.

Duration

The position is available for 18 months in the first instance (with the possibility of extension). The preferred starting date is January 1, 2018, but this is negotiable. The employment will either be as Postdoc or Researcher, depending on whether the applicant was awarded his/her PhD degree less or more than three years before the application deadline.

Further information and application

For more information please contact Professor Lars Werdelin (lars.werdelin@nrm.se). Union representatives are Emily Dock Åkerman, SACO-S and Anna Sandberg, ST. All can be reached at telephone number + 46 8 519 540 00.

Please send your application with cover letter and CV, marked with **dnr 2.3.1-474-2017**, to rekrytering@nrm.se or to the Swedish Museum of Natural History, Box 50007, SE 104 05 Stockholm, Sweden, no later than November 1, 2017.