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<b>Department</b>	Museum of Vertebrate Zoology
<b>Institution</b>	University of California Berkeley Berkeley, California
<b>Date Posted</b>	Jul. 30, 2024
<b>Application Deadline</b>	08/28/2024
<b>Position Start Date</b>	Available immediately
<b>Job Categories</b>	Faculty Associate
<b>Academic Field(s)</b>	Zoology/Genetics Animal Science
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### Position overview

**Position title:** Staff Curator of Ornithology

**Salary range:** The UC academic salary scales set the minimum pay determined by rank and step at appointment. See the following table(s) for the current salary scale(s) for this position:

[https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/2024-25/july-2024-scales/t24-b.pdf). The

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current base salary range for this position is \$90,000-\$188,200. "Off-scale" salaries, which yield compensation that is higher than the published system-wide salary at the designated rank and step, are offered when necessary to meet competitive conditions.

**Percent time:** 100%

**Anticipated start:** January 2, 2025

**Position duration:** The initial appointment is for 1 year with a possibility of renewal based on performance and availability of funding.

**Application Window**

**Open date:** July 29, 2024

**Most recent review date:** Monday, Aug 12, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications received after this date will be reviewed by the search committee if the position has not yet been filled.

**Final date:** Wednesday, Aug 28, 2024 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)

Applications will continue to be accepted until this date, but those received after the review date will only be considered if the position has not yet been filled.

**Position description**

The Museum of Vertebrate Zoology (MVZ) at the University of California Berkeley seeks a Staff Curator of Ornithology. MVZ's Ornithology collection consists of approximately 200,000 bird specimens, including study skins, skeletons, fluid-preserved specimens, taxidermy mounts, eggs and nests, and frozen tissues.

The MVZ is a center for research and education in the biology of vertebrates. Founded in 1908, the museum's mission is to document and to increase understanding of the diversity of vertebrates. It retains its historic emphasis on western North America, although the collections and current research programs are global in scope. The heart of the museum is its superb collections, encompassing over 700,000 total specimens.

Research within the museum combines extensive field studies with modern laboratory techniques and analytical methods to generate a comprehensive, synthetic understanding of vertebrate zoology. Our goals are to remain at the forefront of international research on evolutionary biology from the

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perspectives of systematics, ecology, behavior, functional and developmental morphology, population biology, and genomics, and to lead the way in using natural history collections for research, education, and solving problems in biodiversity conservation.

The position comprises curation and research components. The Staff Curator will oversee day-to-day operations of the ornithology collection, including preparing and integrating (accessioning, cataloging, installing) new specimens, maintaining and improving specimen records in the Arctos database, keeping the collection updated taxonomically, processing incoming and outgoing loans, receiving visitors and responding to inquiries, assisting with class and public tours and other events, participating in museum digitization projects, helping with permits, writing grants in support of the collections, and facilitating use of the collection for research and education. The Staff Curator also will train and supervise volunteers, undergraduate and graduate students, and represented staff personnel, and will collaborate with other curators to manage shared space and facilities and oversee pest management. The applicant is expected to have an independent, specimen-based research program that includes a field component, contributes to growth of the MVZ bird collection, and generates publishable results based on field and museum data sets.

**Department:** <https://mvz.berkeley.edu/>

### Qualifications

#### Basic qualifications (required at time of application)

Bachelor's degree (or equivalent international degree)

#### Additional qualifications (required at time of start)

- PhD (or equivalent international degree)
- At least two year of professional experience

#### Preferred qualifications

- PhD in Ornithology or Evolutionary Biology (or equivalent international degree)
- Experience with undergraduate and/or graduate student training and mentorship
- Familiarity and experience with relational databases and collection management tools
- Involvement in one or more professional societies (e.g., AOS, Systematic Biology, Evolution, SPNHC, etc.)
- Knowledge of avian taxonomy

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- At least one year of museum experience managing collections, preparing and/or cataloging specimens, processing loans, working with tissues, or permitting
- Experience with specimen- and field-based ornithological research, specifically using voucher specimens

## Application Requirements

### Document requirements

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
- Cover Letter
- Museum Statement - 2 Pages Maximum  
Prior experience working in collections, vision, role of collections in outreach and education
- Research Statement - 2 Pages Maximum  
Interests and accomplishments, summary of past field work and specimen collection, goals for the future.
- Statement on Contributions to Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Statement on your contributions to diversity, equity, and inclusion, including information about your understanding of these topics, your record of activities to date, and your specific plans and goals for advancing equity and inclusion if hired at Berkeley. [More Information and guidelines.](#)  
(Optional)
- Scan of Page from most recent Field Catalog (Optional)

### Reference requirements

- 3 required (contact information only)

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applicable).

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**Job location**

Berkeley, CA

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**Contact Information**

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**Contact**

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