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Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History Externship Opportunity

The Orma J. Smith Museum of Natural History at The College of Idaho has a summer externship opportunity for current teaching professionals within the Treasure Valley and Ontario area. This externship is funded through a National Science Foundation grant awarded to The College of Idaho.

This externship will take place on-site at the Museum for one month, totaling 160 hours between June 1 and July 31, 2026.

The externship focuses on developing classroom-ready educational units inspired by the 'Museum in a Box' concept. Centered on topics such as form and function, Earth science, classification, and pollination, these units will align with Idaho Science and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Supported by grant-funded materials, the extern has the creative freedom to design both the curriculum and a comprehensive workshop plan for museum volunteers to implement in the fall. The extern will have the opportunity to present the project at the Museum Workday on August 1, 2026.

The application deadline is **April 1, 2026**.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and list of references to Ashley Ferguson at aferguson@collegeofidaho.edu

The successful extern will be engaged under a **1099 tax status** and assumes full responsibility for all self-employment taxes, insurance, and statutory filings.