About the Western Australian Museum

The WA Museum’s mission is to inspire curiosity to explore the past, question the present and shape the future.

Our work is diverse and collaborative; it is local, national and global. We aspire to be a valued, used, and admired organisation by all Western Australians and the world.

WA Museum manages eight locations throughout Western Australia, including the award-winning Boola Bardip in the Perth Cultural Centre. We have a team of dedicated curators undertaking a wide range of research and caring for more than eight million objects for the benefit of future generations.

The Museum is a Statutory Authority within the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC).



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| Details |
| **Position Title** | **Position Number** |
| Terrestrial Zoology Curator (Arachnids & Myriapods | 16593 |
| **Classification Level** | **Award/Agreement** |
| Specified Calling Level 2 (SCL2) | Public Service Award 1992 / PSGO CSA GA |
| **Directorate** | **Branch/Team** |
| Collections and Research | Terrestrial Zoology  |
| **Physical Location/s** |  |
| Collections and Research Centre, Welshpool |  |

Reporting Relationships

**Position reports to**

Head of Terrestrial Zoology, SCL3

**Positions reporting to this position**

* 1 x Technical Officer (11207), L3

Purpose of the position

The Curator is responsible for the curation and management of the Arachnology collection within the Department of Terrestrial Zoology. The Curator will be expected to promote the Museum's science, undertake research (including fieldwork), attract external funds for research activities, and contribute to presentations and exhibitions to promote learning and understanding of WA’s fauna. The Curator is expected to develop collaborations with academic institutions, and will be expected to promote electronic delivery of information about the biology and taxonomy of Western Australian arachnids and myriapods.

Statement of duties

* **Collections Development and Management:** Implements collecting policy and uses international standards to ensure management, security, preservation, documentation and accessibility of the Arachnology collection.
* **Research**: Conduct original research and publish results in peer-reviewed journals. Seek external funding for research. Develop a comprehensive research program that includes collaboration at the national and international level including student supervision.
* **Public Programs**: Plays a significant role in the development of exhibitions, contributes to popular publications for general readership, input to the Museum's public and formal education programs, communicates research by talks and lectures, and via social media. Answers public enquiries and participates in special public events.
* Provides financial information and reports as required by Head of Department, performs essential duties of other curators in their absence. May be required to perform duties of the Head of Department.
* Other duties as required with respect to the scope of the position.

Work related requirements

**Essential**

1. A Bachelor’s degree or higher level qualification, with a major in Terrestrial Zoology or a relevant discipline.
2. Extensive experience in systematic research on arachnids and/ or myriapods.
3. Experience with molecular analyses.
4. Ability to communicate and exchange information at a professional level both in writing and verbally, including the ability to produce scientific papers.
5. Experience in publishing scientific papers on the systematics of arachnids and/or myriapods.
6. Knowledge of museum practices, particularly collections management and electronic databases.

**Desirable**

1. Ph.D. in Terrestrial Zoology or related field.
2. Proven ability to attract research funding.

Special conditions

* “C” Class Driver’s Licence.
* Ability to undertake fieldwork away from Perth.

Appointment is subject to

* Eligibility to Work in Australia.
* A current (within six months) National Police Clearance Certificate.