



Scientific Officer – Australian Archaeology

Salary Classification: Scientific Officer Grade 4 (\$112,213 - \$117,909) with a total remuneration package up to \$130,702 per annum (equivalent to Level B, step 1 Lecturer USYD)
Employment Status: Temporary full time employment for a period of up to 3 years
Location: Sydney CBD

About the agencies

This is a joint appointment between the Australian Museum and the University of Sydney.

The Australian Museum operates within the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC). The Museum provides access, engagement and scientific research to increase understanding of natural history and culture, particularly of the Australasian region. The Australian Museum's purpose is to be a place of exploration and discovery, inspiring responsibility for our world by promoting knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of science, nature and culture. This is a joint-appointment with the University of Sydney through the School of Philosophical and Historical Inquiry. SOPHI is a large teaching and research school within the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences that undertakes comprehensive education and research in the mainstream disciplines of Archaeology, Classics and Ancient History, Gender and Cultural Studies, History and Philosophy.

For more information, visit the [Australian Museum website](https://australianmuseum.net.au/) and refer to the Australian Museum Science Strategy

- https://media.australianmuseum.net.au/media/dd/Uploads/Documents/30101/AMRI_ScienceStrategy_2015.52b2587.pdf
- <https://sydney.edu.au/arts/our-research/centres-institutes-and-groups/tom-austen-brown-research.html>
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The AM supports a diverse workforce and promotes applications from First Nation and Torres Strait Islander people. People with disabilities who meet the selection criteria are encouraged to apply; and where required, Australian Museum will implement reasonable adjustment consistent with industry standard.

About the role

To increase the impact of archaeology at the Australian Museum and the University of Sydney by undertaking an innovative field and collection-based research program in the archaeology of First Nations people, with a preferred focus in New South Wales, and engage diverse audiences in the history of the human past in Australia and the wider Asian and Pacific regions.

This role will further develop the research profile of the Australian Museum Research Institute (AMRI) and of SOPHI within the area of Australian archaeology. S/he will supervise postdoctoral junior academic staff and postgraduate and honours students.

About the Aboriginal Archaeology Collection held in the Australian Museum

The Aboriginal Archaeological collection at the Australian Museum is one of the oldest in the country, dating back to the late-1800s. It is the most comprehensive collection of Aboriginal archaeological objects for New South Wales: a collection notable by its cultural material evidence and thematic extent, heritage and historical nature, the quality of its documentation and accessibility for Aboriginal community members, researchers and stakeholders. The collection holds over 78,000 individual artefacts in addition to more than 2500 archaeological assemblages. Collection coverage is Australia-wide with its strongest representation from New South Wales and Queensland. Many of the

archaeological assemblages come from excavated sites which have played a significant role in writing the First Nations history of New South Wales as well as Australia.

Essential Requirements

As the successful candidate, you will demonstrate;

- A PhD in Archaeology with a strong background in archaeology of the First Nations of Australia relevant to the Museum's research priorities
http://australianmuseum.net.au/uploads/documents/30101/amri_sciencestrategy_2015.pdf
- Demonstrated capacity to conduct research as evidenced by international/peer reviewed publications and success in attracting research funding.
- Adequate knowledge and experience in order to deliver the Key Accountabilities and perform to the Focus Capabilities outlined in this Role Description.

For more information please download the documents [Role Description](#) and [Applying for a role in the NSW Public Service](#).

Applicants must submit

1. Resume
2. A one to two page covering letter which addresses the above essential requirements.
3. A submission that addresses each of the eight focus capabilities listed in the Role Description. (Please provide one paragraph for each capability.)
4. A two page submission addressing how your work relates to the AMRI research priorities and can connect to at least some of the research and teaching activities of the Department of Archaeology.

As part of the online application process you will be prompted to answer two targeted questions.

1. Please describe a field project based in New South Wales that you would undertake while holding this position.
2. What do you see as the challenges and opportunities of holding a joint position at both the University of Sydney and Australian Museum?

The successful applicant will be required to undertake a National Police Records Check, refer to link; <https://npcoapr.police.nsw.gov.au/asp/dataentry/Introduction.aspx>

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Closing date: 08 August 2019

The Australian Museum welcomes applications from First Nation and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people with disability. Please indicate if you have any accessibility requirements in your application or speak with the contact person should you be called for an interview. We provide reasonable adjustment for people with a disability during the recruitment process and on employment.

New employment legislation applies to the NSW public sector with effect from 24th February 2014. All current and new Public Service non-executive employees will be employed at a classification level and assigned to a role rather than appointed to a position. Employees may be re-assigned to other roles at the same classification over time, in line with organisation priorities and/or personal development plans.