



CONSERVATORS TO WORK IN ANTARCTICA

Applications for the 5 positions listed below are open from 4 March 2013 to 5 April 2013

The Antarctic Heritage Trust is a New Zealand based charity recognised internationally as the organisation which cares for the expedition bases associated with the famed polar explorers Captain Robert Falcon Scott and Sir Ernest Shackleton.

These bases, built between 1901 and 1911, are located in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica. The three wooden bases contain an estimated 15,000+ artefacts consisting of objects made from a variety of materials including timber, leather, glass and metal. These sites are protected under the Antarctic Treaty System and have been listed on the 100 Most Endangered Sites in the World.

The Trust has a major international conservation project underway to conserve the bases and the artefact collections. It is world-leading in terms of polar conservation. Since 2006 conservators have been based year round at New Zealand's science facility, Scott Base, conserving the artefact collections. Conservation work is carried out both onsite at the bases (during summer months) and at Scott Base (during summer and winter). Winter teams will have the opportunity to visit the huts if logistics conditions permit.

The Trust is now calling for applications to work in Antarctica. Because of the short term and specific nature of the contract, applicants are required to have fluent spoken and written English. Due to the range of artefacts needing conservation in 2013/14, specialisms required differ for each contract.

Note: Winter 2014 is the last year Antarctic Heritage Trust will be running a 6-month (approximately) on-ice winter conservation programme as part of this current project. Summer 2014/15 will be the last active summer on-ice conservation programme; applications for this will be advertised in 2014.

Vacancy: Summer Conservator 2013/14 (approximately 6 month fixed term agreement)

Fixed Term Agreement Dates: Approximately end of August 2013 to beginning of February 2014 in Antarctica*

Positions Available: 1 Conservator (to work in small team with Programme Manager and Lead Conservator)

Expertise required: Tertiary Qualification in materials conservation with minimum 2 years post-graduation work experience. Strong experience in working with organics and in-organics; experience in mount-making and object support; experience with collections in uncontrolled environments; high levels of comfort in remote outdoor locations.

Vacancy: Lead Winter Conservator 2014 (approximately 7 month fixed term agreement)

Fixed Term Agreement Dates: Approximately beginning of February 2014 to mid August 2014 in Antarctica*

Positions Available: 1 Lead Conservator (to lead 3 x winter conservators)

Expertise required: Tertiary Qualification in materials conservation combined with management experience. Metals and/or organics or paper specialisms.

Vacancy: Winter Conservators 2014 (approximately 6 month fixed term agreement)

Fixed Term Agreement Dates: Approximately beginning of February 2014 to mid August 2014 in Antarctica*

Positions Available: 3 conservators

Expertise required: Conservators: Tertiary Qualification in materials conservation with minimum 2 years post-graduate experience: Metals, organics and paper are the specialisms required. A strong social history collections background would be advantageous.

*Due to Antarctic logistics and operations please note these dates may be subject to some change.

Extensive medical and psychometric testing will be required. A salary will be paid as will travel to and from Antarctica. Successful applicants will be employed by the Trust on a Fixed Term Agreement.

For further information and application forms <http://www.nzah.org/AHT/Vacancies>