



Herbarium Research Botanist & Collections Manager

The Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (CCBER) Herbarium Research Botanist & Collections Manager is responsible (1) collection curation and management of all CCBER/UCSB Natural History Collections and (2) conducting original research focused on botanical and ecosystem exploration in California and elsewhere. Preference is on research interests that utilize existing collections, result in the acquisition of additional collections to be deposited in the UCSB herbarium, plant systematics and taxonomy, regional California flora, and collaborations with the vibrant CCBER Ecological Restoration group. The Herbarium Research Botanist & Collections Manager is responsible for all aspects of the collections including cataloging, curation, and database management. In addition to original research, they take a lead role in grant writing to support the security, curation and scientific use of the collections. The incumbent works closely with the faculty curators and responds to loan and use requests by UCSB faculty, staff, and students and by the local and international scientific community. He/she trains and supervises student interns, volunteers, and assists faculty with teaching the curatorial internships and other courses. The incumbent provides tours of the collections for school groups, community members, and educational outreach programs.

The position involves academic interpretation of objects in a collection and on loan. Recommends acquisitions, de-accessions, and conservation. Conducts original research and presents/ publishes results. Has administrative responsibilities and oversees the care of the collections and their documentation. Uses advanced subject area knowledge and curatorial expertise to resolve complex issues and fulfill responsibilities. Assignments are defined by overall objectives and incumbent exercises judgment in selecting methods for obtaining results. Work is performed independently; requires formulating strategies and administering policies, processes, and resources; functions with a high degree of autonomy.

The CCBER/UCSB Natural History Collection is a diverse research and teaching collection located at the University of California Santa Barbara, Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (ccber.ucsb.edu). The Herbarium Research Botanist & Collections Manager must manage a wide variety of specimen collection practices, as the UCSB Natural History Collection includes lichens, algal, higher plants, vertebrate, etc. Our museum is approximately 150,000 specimens, of which 100,000 are herbarium specimens. We have a strong emphasis on collection-based research, collection digitization, and maintain close partnerships with the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden and Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

Minimum Requirements: Candidate must have experience working in herbaria and a record of successful grant writing, project management, and scientific publishing. An advanced degree in Botany or a closely related discipline is required, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Strong interests in building own research program at UCSB, and a background demonstrating ability to analyze biological data. A PhD in Botany or a closely related discipline is desirable.

This is a career position at UCSB, which is funded for 18 months from the date of hire. Salary range is \$4,759-\$5,051/mo. Questions can be emailed to Katja Seltmann, Katherine Esau Director, Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration, seltmann@ccber.ucsb.edu

Applications are made through UCSB: jobs.ucsb.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=190578

