

## The Charleston Museum Department of Natural History Research Application Form

The application form below must be filled out for each research project, and a copy of the finished project or research finding is requested for the Museum's files.

Collections may be viewed/used only on Museum property and only in the presence of Museum's curatorial staff. The Charleston Museum reserves the right to refuse access to the collections based on object condition or staff limitations.

Permission to reproduce any item, or its likeness, must be secured in writing and may be subject to fees (*see Fee Schedule*). This application only allows photography for research purposes. Print or online publication for public consumption or profit, including social media, must be approved and recorded at time of research (see below).

Each researcher is responsible for safeguarding any specimens or materials made available to him/her and must use conservationally sound practices in handling all collection items. Failure to do so will result in a revocation of the privilege to research at this institution. It may also result in financial liability for any damages incurred.

Researchers must adhere to the following guidelines:

- No marks may be made on any specimen or object.
- Eating, drinking, chewing gum and smoking are prohibited in all areas of the Museum.
- Removal of objects from their containers or drawers is strictly prohibited unless permission is granted by a Museum curatorial staff member.
- Keep materials in the assigned areas.
- Use gloves if requested to do so.
- Museum staff may request the researcher use only Museum-provided analysis tools.
- The Museum reserves the right to inspect all research materials and personal articles before a patron leaves the premises.

*Your signature on this form indicates your acceptance and understanding of these procedures and conditions.*

**Signature**

**Date**

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Institutional Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of research: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended final product of research (dissertation, paper, article, book, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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