

Position Description  
Archaeological Conservator  
Clemson Conservation Center, North Charleston, South Carolina

Clemson University seeks a conservator to assist with the conservation of the American Civil War submarine *H.L. Hunley* (1864) and its associated artifacts.

A Masters degree in Conservation is preferred with a minimum of 3-years specialized experience in materials conservation. Applicants must have a broad knowledge of preservation and stabilization techniques of marine archaeological objects and the skill to apply this knowledge to highly degraded and complex materials of all sizes.

The successful candidate should be able to elaborate, execute, and supervise the Center's conservation programs and ensure compliance with established laboratory procedures and the Head Conservator.

This position requires general knowledge of organic and inorganic chemistry, a good understanding of materials science, and experience in the use of standard and more complex laboratory equipment. Exceptional manual dexterity and care in performing conservation treatment is required, as well as moderate-to-high physical strength to handle large artifacts and equipment.

Individuals seeking this position should have the required knowledge to oversee archaeological data collection and maintain a project database that inventories and registers the location and status of all artifacts, samples, and other technical information.

The successful applicant must be able to maintain a working relationship with individuals from academia, government agencies, and the private sector, and communicate effectively in both oral and written English.

Applications received by March 1, 2008 will be given full consideration. To apply, please submit a cover letter, *curriculum vitae*, and three academic/professional references to: Paul Mardikian, Head Conservator, Clemson Conservation Center, 1250 Supply Street Bldg. 255, North Charleston, SC 29405.