

**146.662 Curation and science unit -- Functions -- Qualifications of associate director.**

- (1) There shall be a curation and science unit within the Kentucky Natural History Museum. The curation and science unit shall:
  - (a) Collect specimens of Kentucky's extant and fossilized flora and fauna;
  - (b) Identify and inventory significant archeological sites;
  - (c) Collaborate with scientists in the state agencies, colleges and universities, and other members of the scientific community on sharing relevant data and creating common databases of biological, archeological, geological, and paleontological information;
  - (d) Catalog and maintain specimens and artifacts obtained by the museum;
  - (e) Assure the quality of specimens kept in storage, available through a loan, or displayed;
  - (f) Accept existing scientifically significant and well-preserved biological, archeological, geological, and paleontological collections that may be offered from private or public entities; and
  - (g) Conduct research and publish scientific papers related to the purposes of KRS 146.650 to 146.666.
- (2) The associate director of the curation and science unit shall have an earned doctorate in the biological, earth sciences, or anthropology with demonstrated experience in curation of biological or geological collections.
- (3) Information that would endanger natural heritage resources by revealing their location shall be exempt from KRS 61.870 to 61.884 unless:
  - (a) The information is to be used for scientific research or in efforts to protect and preserve the resource;
  - (b) The person requesting the information agrees in writing to keep confidential the location of the resource; and
  - (c) The director determines that release of the information will not endanger the resource.

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