Archaeologists examine material remains to understand past human life and cultural activities. This program will give you a solid understanding of how to research, excavate and scientifically analyze cultural remains gleaned from sites.

Key Skills & Knowledge

Research - Statistical population sampling; Statistical analysis; Accurate data collection; Make detailed observations; Qualitative, quantitative and survey research

Communication - Gather & disseminate information; for reports and for educational resources as well as presentations for diverse audiences; Write both descriptive and analytical reports

Organizational - Project management; Collection and cataloging of individual, cultural and historical information and data

Field work - Field work techniques to uncover, study and preserve physical evidence and information; Work in remote locations, in small groups, in hazardous conditions and with limited access to technology

Analytical - Symbolic understanding and interpretation; Synthesize complex information

Critical thinking - Understand past events to better understand culture and society; Interpret/evaluate events, information and ideas representing the past; Basic understanding of human evolution & genetics

Cultural awareness - Sensitivity and appreciation of cultures, particularly First Nations Strong professional ethics demonstrated through respect of the heritage of the people you study

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: alis.alberta.ca/occinfo

Aboriginal Liaison
Archaeobotany/ Paleobotanist
Archaeological Assistant/Technician
Archaeologist (experimental, contract, historical, landscape, maritime, medieval, nautical, underwater, zoo)
Archaeometrist
Archivist/Archivist Assistant
Artifact Preservationist/Conservator*
Curator
Educator/ Teacher/ Professor/Instructor
Guide
Heritage Assistant
Impact Analyst
Librarian
Museum Exhibit Director/Exhibit Assistant
Museum Technician
Parks Educational Program Director
Traditional Land Use Analyst
Volunteer Coordinator
Writer

Need help deciding what to do?

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink

This profile is a starting point for your career exploration. It may help you identify options and guide you in conducting further research, reviewing occupations or connecting with people. It is not intended to list every possible career path, or to limit you to what you see here. This is a tool to guide discovery and uncover opportunities that fit you.
Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- ARCHAEOEXPEDITIONS Field Schools and Field Work Experience: [http://www.yorku.ca/kdenning/+AllCourses/fieldwork.htm](http://www.yorku.ca/kdenning/+AllCourses/fieldwork.htm)
- Association of Canadian Archivists: [http://archivists.ca/](http://archivists.ca/)
- British Columbia Museum Association: [http://www.museumsassn.bc.ca/Content/Home.asp](http://www.museumsassn.bc.ca/Content/Home.asp)
- Canadian Archaeological Association: [http://www.canadianarchaeology.com](http://www.canadianarchaeology.com)
- Canadian Association of Physical Anthropology: [http://capa.fenali.net/about-capa-acap/](http://capa.fenali.net/about-capa-acap/)
- Society for American Archaeology: [http://www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)
- Society of Historical Archaeology: [http://www.sha.org](http://www.sha.org)

Career Services

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions

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Facebook: [ucalgycareers](https://www.facebook.com/ucalgycareers)  
Twitter: [@HireUCalgary](https://twitter.com/HireUCalgary)

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- EarthWorks Jobs: [http://www.earthworksjobs.com](http://www.earthworksjobs.com/)
- ArchaeologyFieldwork.com: [http://www.archaeologyfieldwork.com](http://www.archaeologyfieldwork.com)
- Work in culture: [http://www.workinculture.ca/](http://www.workinculture.ca/)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

**Additional Resources**

- Careers for Environmental Types & Others Who Respect the Earth by Michael Fasulo
- Careers in focus: Archaeology
- Careers for Environmental Types & Others Who Respect the Earth
- Museum careers : a practical guide for students and novices
- Doing archaeology : a cultural resource management perspective

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**Student Clubs**

- Chacmool Archaeology Association  
  W: people.ucalgary.ca/~chacmool/

**Aligned Majors:**

- Anthropology, Geography, History