Museum of Classical Archaeology
Volunteer Role Description: Hair Models

What this role will entail:
Volunteers will have their hair cut by a professional hairdresser in front of an audience, during a one-off event which explores male and female hair styles in the ancient world. Volunteers will be filmed while their hair is being cut.

Why the Museum of Classical Archaeology needs this role:
The Museum of Classical Archaeology is hosting an event in conjunction with the Hierarchies of Hair Project, to explore the intersections between hairstyles, gender and social status in the ancient world. Our plan is to have real-life models have their hair cut in front of an audience, with academic researchers on hand to provide live-action commentary. We need male and female models who are willing to have their hair cut and styled without charge to be the stars of the show: we’re especially looking for:

- models with long hair, who will have their hair styled by an expert in feminine Roman hairstyles
- models with a beard, who will have their hair and beard cut by a professional hairdresser in masculine Roman hairstyles
- a model with a beard who has long enough hair that it might be cut into multiple, successive styles

Volunteer tasks:
• Have a hair-cut in front of an audience and on camera

What you will gain from this role:
• A free haircut or hair-style!
• A starring role in a live event and further online materials.
• Taste of work in a museum.
• Chance to develop new skills.
• Experience to enhance your CV.
• Opportunity to support the day-to-day running of a university museum.
• Join a fun, motivated and enthusiastic team.
• Satisfaction of giving back.

**Skills required:**

• Hair long enough to be cut and styled.
• Ability to sit still.
• Comfortable being centre of attention and on camera.
• Reliability and punctuality.
• Willingness to support the aims of the Museum of Classical Archaeology.
• Respectful and friendly attitude toward Museum visitors, staff and other volunteers.

**Potential time commitment:**

This role is a one-off commitment. Volunteers must be available on Saturday 23 September 2023. There is one event (for an alumni audience) at 11.00-12.00, and a second event (for a public audience, with other associated activities) at 13.00-15.00.

**Location:**

Museum of Classical Archaeology and the Classical Faculty Library, Sidgwick Avenue, Cambridge, CB3 9DA.

**Responsible to:**

Susanne Turner, Curator. Contact: (01223) 335153 or smt41@cam.ac.uk

**Training and support:**

A short induction will take place on the day. Volunteers will not require further training.
Health and safety responsibilities:

The Volunteer will be provided with a risk assessment for this placement. S/he will be responsible for his/her own health and safety and that of those with whom they volunteer. The Volunteer will not work unsupervised with children or vulnerable adults.

How to apply:

We manage our volunteers through the UCM Volunteer Makers Platform. Registration take several steps:

1. Please sign up for an account on Volunteer Makers.
2. Please register your interest for the Hair Model Volunteer at the Museum of Classical Archaeology Challenge.
3. You will receive an email asking you to complete the final stage of registration. Please click on the link, where you will have the opportunity to tell us a little more about yourself and your interest in the role. We will ask you to submit a photograph of yourself, to help us make a decision about how we might best to style your hair.

About the Museum of Classical Archaeology

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is one of the few surviving collections of plaster casts of Greek and Roman sculpture in the world. The collection of about four hundred and fifty casts is open to the public and housed in a purpose-built Cast Gallery on the first floor of the Classics Faculty. Rather than simply being a collection of copies, the real beauty of having all these pieces together under one roof is that the visitor can compare and contrast objects which he or she could never view together in the original.

MoCA is an accredited museum and receives public funding from the Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Museum, as part of the UCM consortium.

About the University of Cambridge Museums (UCM)

University of Cambridge Museums is a consortium of the eight University Museums, which works in partnership with the Cambridge University Botanic Garden and other Cambridge University collections. The University's collections are a world-class
resource for researchers, students and members of the public representing the country’s highest concentration of internationally important collections, all within walking distance of the City Centre.