Volunteer Position Description

Position Title: **Lost Egypt Exhibit Volunteer**

Department: Museum Programs

Position Summary: Volunteers are needed to facilitate guest experiences in the travelling exhibit, *Lost Egypt: Ancient Secrets, Modern Science*. In this role, volunteers will engage interested guests in discussions relating to exhibit artifacts, answer guest questions, and enhance the exhibit experience with their presence in the galleries. Volunteers will be expected to “rove,” as well as present at the programming space within the exhibit.

Description of Exhibit: The Lost Egypt Exhibit will be at The Franklin Institute from January 30, 2016 through September 5, 2016. It explores how modern archaeologists use science and technology to uncover and understand the people and culture of ancient Egypt.

Exhibit Highlights:
- A real human mummy and a life-size rapid prototype, displaying the mummy in a stage of "unwrapping", plus scans and forensic facial reconstructions of mummies
- Animal mummies, plus scans and information about animals in ancient Egypt
- Art and artifacts from the daily life and funerary culture of ancient Egypt
- Connections to real scientists working on projects in Egypt, including video interviews, written graphics, objects and photographs from the field
- Connections to the scientific process used by archaeologists and other scientists, including hands-on challenges, interactive exhibits and technology
- Connections to how ancient Egyptian people and culture relate to us today

Special Skills Required: Applicants should have a background in one of the following areas: archaeology, Egyptology, cultural studies, anthropology or biology. Students majoring in one of these fields with at least 2 years of college experience are encouraged to apply.

Special Skills Preferred: Volunteers with experience working with children and museum guests are preferred, though not required. Public speaking experience is preferred, though a willingness to expand on this skill is acceptable. Experience with teaching (formal or informal) is strongly encouraged but not required.

Schedule Requirements: Volunteers should be willing to commit to at least 10 shifts during the run of the exhibit. Preferred shift times are from 10:00am-3:30pm. Volunteers needed on weekdays and weekends.

Clearance Requirements:
This position involves direct contact with children. Volunteers must meet background clearance requirements before they can begin. The Franklin Institute will cover any related fees.