



Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences COLLECTIONS ACCESS POLICY

Due to scheduling constraints, please plan to submit Collection Access Applications and Academic Class Tour requests a minimum of two weeks before you wish to visit. Plan and coordinate Academic Lab Supplements a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Requested weekend or after-hours tours are possible, pending staff availability; however, please note that this will incur an additional 25% to cover security.

1. Collection Access Application

- Academic Access
All researchers using the resources of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, the Buffalo Museum of Science, and/or Tiffit Nature Preserve must complete a *Research Agreement*.
 - Undergraduate and Graduate Research Projects
 - Class Projects should be referred to Academic Class Tour or Academic Lab Supplement based on the proposed number of visits
 - Graduate Thesis Research
 - Choose either to pay admission fee per each visit or purchase student membership
 - Institutional Researcher
 - Admission fee waived; Faculty/Staff status required
- Non-Academic Access
 - Affiliate or Professional Society Behind the Scenes Tours
 - Same cost as SciNight Tours
 - Family Donation Visits (*i.e. my grandfather donated his watch to the collection, can I see it?*)
 - Museum Admission and pending staff availability
 - Friends and Family Visits
 - Available with prior approval during regular Museum hours and accompanied by BSNS Collections Staff member.
 - Museum Admission

2. SciNight: Behind the Scenes Themed Collection Tours

- \$30 per participant, 10% off for BMS Members, Ages: 18+, max occupancy: 10

3. Academic Class Tour → 1 visit per semester, up to 2 hour tour, max occupancy: 15

- Collections workshop fee = \$150, plus \$16 per student

4. Academic Lab Supplement → 2+ visits per semester, up to 3 hours each lab session, max occupancy: 15

- Purchase of Student Memberships required.
- Additional Staff Facilitation fee structure based on number of visits:
 - 1-4 labs = \$150 per lab
 - 5-10 labs = \$125 per lab
 - 10+ labs = \$100 per lab