



## CAREER PROFILE

# Archeologist

### CAREER OUTLOOK <sup>2</sup>

The need for professionals in this field is expected to grow at an average rate.

**Projected job growth:**  
7% (2020–2030)

**Average salary:**  
\$61,910/year

**Archeologists** face tough conditions like heat, exhaustion, insects, and physical labor. Full of grit and perseverance, they are also analytical, using the scientific method to collect data and perform research. They observe and draw conclusions from their findings on how life was. They use their critical thinking and context clues to tell the story of the history of humans. They are keen notetakers and excellent communicators as they share their knowledge with colleagues, the public, and their students.

### WHAT IS AN ARCHEOLOGIST? <sup>1</sup>

An **archeologist's** job is three parts—they excavate, research, and teach. Throughout most summers, archeologists will head to dig sites, waking early in the morning to beat the heat and start digging. From shovels to toothbrushes, they use a variety of tools and extreme care to examine, recover, and preserve artifacts from human life of the past. After lunch, they spend the afternoon meticulously recording their findings in a way that can be reconstructed and tell the story of humans long ago. The rest of the year is devoted to teaching and research. Archeologists research and contribute to the patterns of human origins, cultures, and life, usually at a university or museum.

### IS ARCHEOLOGIST A GOOD CAREER FOR ME?

Archeologists are:

- curious and adventurous
- analytical
- perseverant
- meticulous
- outdoorsy

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.archaeological.org/programs/educators/introduction-to-archaeology/a-career-in-archaeology/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/anthropologists-and-archeologists.htm>



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## AM I...

- Analytical?
- Curious?
- Perseverant?

## DO I...

- Pay attention to details?
- Enjoy the outdoors?

## HOW DO I BECOME AN ARCHEOLOGIST?

You will need to:

- take classes in science and history.
- spent time outdoors and be physically active.
- study archeology or anthropology in college.
- get job experience collaborating with archeologists or museum curators.