



Internship Opportunity at a Plattenkalk Excavation in Wattendorf, Upper Franconia, Bavaria

- Dates: September 1–30, 2026
- Duration: Minimum 2 weeks (10 working days, including weekends)
- Accommodation provided



The Natural History Museum Bamberg is launching a new paleontological excavation campaign in Wattendorf, near Bamberg, in 2026. This offers an opportunity for students of geology, geography, biology, archaeology, anthropology, prehistory and early history, as well as preparator trainees, to complete an internship. A certificate of completion will be issued upon successful completion of the internship.

The exceptional Wattendorf site yields excellently preserved fossils from the Upper Kimmeridgian (Late Jurassic). During the scientific excavation, plattenkalk fossils will be exposed, documented, and recovered according to their stratigraphic orientation. Unlike other plattenkalk deposits, fossils are relatively abundant in Wattendorf. Previous excavations have yielded numerous invertebrate and fish fossils, as well as two new species of pterosaurs, several new turtles, and tuataras. Good physical condition is required for participation.



If you are interested, please send your application, including a brief CV and a cover letter, by email to: Dr. Oliver Wings, grabungwattendorf@gmail.com