

# Natural History, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of

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**History and Function**    An organized research unit of the University of Oklahoma, the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History was founded in 1899, and was designated the state museum of natural history by act of the Oklahoma Legislature in 1987 (Okla. Statutes, Title 70, Section 3309.1). The mission of the museum is to conduct research, participate in higher education, disseminate information to the people of Oklahoma, and collect and preserve the tangible record of Oklahoma's natural and cultural history, which the museum holds in trust for the people of Oklahoma. The museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and regularly undergoes national accreditation reviews.