

## Utah Geological Survey

### Utah's State Dinosaur *Utahraptor* Megablock Preservation Project

#### Sponsorship Opportunity

The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) holds on behalf of the citizens of the State of Utah what is likely the most spectacular dinosaur fossil assemblage ever collected in the state. This 9-ton block of sandstone contains thousands of bones of baby to adult *Utahraptor* dinosaurs (the “raptors” of *Jurassic Park*), and possibly other species. These animals became trapped in a quicksand-like mass likely while preying on one or more trapped plant-eating Iguanodont dinosaurs. So far, over 3,500 painstaking hours have been spent by expert preparators carefully exposing hundreds of bones from just a small portion of the accumulation of skeletons. The megablock is yielding dozens of juvenile and adult skeletons that will be reassembled into a pack of *Utahraptors* and displayed in the Natural History Museum of Utah.

This preparation effort is being funded primarily with donations. The UGS provides laboratory space, expert oversight, limited preparation, and laboratory materials. Salary for the chief preparator must be covered by donated funds. The chief preparator works on contract to the UGS, to the extent that funding allows, at a 50% discount.

The UGS recently was offered a large donation of \$50,000 dollars on the condition that matching donations come from other sources (1:1 rate). We are soliciting your support for this exciting scientific endeavor—both small and large donations are appreciated.

Individual and Corporate Sponsors have the option to be promoted in our social media posts and press announcements and given educational and tour access to the megablock.

**Tax deductible donations over \$300** can be made through the Utah STEM Foundation with whom we have partnered to use the fossil project for education and research.

Please send donations to STEM either via check or wire transfer. If you prefer wire transfer, please contact STEM for wiring instructions.

Please write the check to:

The STEM Foundation

Utah STEM Foundation  
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Please specify clearly on the check:  
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Baby *Utahraptor* premaxilla from the Megablock

For additional information please contact the Utah Geological Survey at 801-537-3300  
<https://geology.utah.gov/popular/general-geology/dinosaurs-fossils/megablock>

Thank you for your support of this exciting scientific endeavor.





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