

# Philip J. Currie

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Philip J. Currie professor, Canada Research Chair at the University of Alberta in the Department of Biological Sciences, and former Curator of Dinosaurs at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology. He got his BSc at the University of Toronto in 1972, and his MSc and PhD at McGill in 1975 and 1981. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1999) and a member of the Explorers Club (2001). He received an honorary degree from the University of Calgary in 2008, and another from UBC in 2013. He has published more than 225 scientific articles, 150 popular articles and twenty books, focussing on the growth and variation of extinct reptiles, the anatomy and relationships of carnivorous dinosaurs, and the origin of birds. Fieldwork connected with his research has been concentrated in Alberta, Argentina, British Columbia, China, Mongolia, Indonesia, South Africa, and the Arctic and Antarctica. Sir Frederick Haultain Award (for significant contributions to science in Alberta), 1988. American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Michel T. Halbouty Human Needs Award, 1999. The Michael Smith Award in 2004. ASTech Award in 2006. The Alberta Order of Excellence, 2010. The Explorers Club (Canadian Chapter) Stefansson Medal, 2011. The Explorers Club Medal, and the Royal Canadian Geographical Society Gold Medal, 2012. J. Gordon Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research, 2014. The Governor General of Canada presented him with the Meritorius Service Cross in 2016. Late in 2015, he was honoured by the opening of a museum in Alberta that bears his name – the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum. Since 1986, he has supervised or co-supervised 35 MSc and PhD students at the Universities of Alberta, Calgary, Copenhagen and Saskatchewan. Currently he is supervising eleven (4 undergrad, 4 MSc, 2 Phd, 1 PDF) students at the University of Alberta. He has given hundreds of popular and scientific lectures on dinosaurs all over the world, and is often interviewed by the press. In 2012 he was involved in the development of University of Alberta's first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) called DINO 101. It had its premiere in September of 2013 and by now more than 100,000 students from all over the world have taken this course. A second MOOC course was launched in 2016.