



The Museum of Classical Archaeology

Internship Details

Title: Collections Engagement Intern

Length of Internship: 2.5 days per week for 12 weeks.

The assignment will be administered through the University of Cambridge's Temporary Employment Service and the position will be based at the Museum of Classical Archaeology.

Reports to: Curator

About the Museum of Classical Archaeology (MoCA)

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is dedicated to the study and teaching of the classical past through the material and visual cultures of ancient Greece and Rome. Our collections are rather unusual, however. We don't only hold objects from 2,000 or so years ago – we also hold objects produced in the 19th century to replicate ancient artefacts which were housed somewhere else in the world.

Our Cast Gallery is home to one of the finest collections of plaster casts of Greek and Roman sculpture anywhere in the world – and our Museum has as many stories to tell about the practice of classical archaeology and the history of collecting the ancient past as it does about the history of classical art and the lives of ancient Greeks and Romans.

www.classics.cam.ac.uk/museum

About the University of Cambridge Museums

The University of Cambridge Museums (UCM) is a consortium of the eight University Museums and the Cambridge University Botanic Garden. It works in partnership with other University of Cambridge collections as well as with museums and other partners regionally, nationally and internationally.

Together, the eight University of Cambridge Museums and Botanic Garden represent the UK's highest concentration of internationally important collections outside London. With more than five million works of art, artefacts, and specimens, the collections have supported nearly 300 years of investigation into the world around us.

Today, they bring together people from across the world to explore the big questions: from the earliest forms of life to the future of our planet. We work to deepen understanding of our world, inspire new thinking, and address local and global challenges.

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Project background

The Museum of Classical Archaeology is home to 15,000+ objects - ranging from plaster casts of classical sculpture, to small pieces of broken pottery (sherds). MoCA is developing a new catalogue enabling us to improve the information we hold on our objects. We have also recently undertaken an inventory of our 10,000 sherds, and as a result we have additional data which needs to be integrated into the catalogue records. This role is focused on improving the information in the new catalogue and on using that content to create digital engagement resources

Purpose of the internship

The intern will help us to clean and transfer the data we hold on our sherds, and also add to that information through research. Using this content, they will research and design an online tour or trail based around some of the objects they have been working with. In addition, most of MoCA's small team help to staff the front desk and engage directly with visitors, and therefore there would also be an opportunity to develop public-facing visitor services skills.

Training, support and learning outcomes

Training for the project will be delivered by the Curator with other members of the team as appropriate. The role will enable the successful candidate to gain knowledge in collections management including developing skills such as object handling, Spectrum standards of Collections care and data management systems. In addition, the successful individual will gain invaluable experience of creating digital resources that will assist with engagement and accessibility.

Mentoring will be provided by the Collections Manager at the University Museum of Zoology and the Opening Doors Project Coordinator for the University of Cambridge Museums.

MoCA has Covid-safe procedures in place to protect staff, visitors and volunteers, in line with University of Cambridge policy, and access to additional rooms where needed for safe working.

The Person

- Recent graduate or postgraduate in Classics, Ancient History or Classical Studies, or a related subject like Archaeology or Art History
- Commitment to working in museums
- An interest in museum collections
- Enthusiastic and self-motivated
- Excellent spoken and written communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills with an ability to work to deadlines, prioritise own workload and adapt to changing situations
- Experience of processing information and presenting it in a clear understandable format
- Enjoys working flexibly as part of a team but can take responsibility and initiative when required to do so

Benefits

Salary: £8.91 per hour

Holiday: Pro-rata entitlement based on 28 days holiday per annum including Bank Holidays

Additional Information

This internship is conditional upon the satisfactory outcome of a Security Check via the Disclosure and Barring Service. Whether an outcome is satisfactory will be determined by the University of Cambridge.

- **Deadline for applications: 9am, 7 June 2021**
- **Candidate discussions: week commencing 21 June 2021**

Nothing herein shall constitute a contract of employment between the University and the intern.

To apply

Please submit a CV and cover letter the details of two referees, outlining your suitability for the internship to the Opening Doors Project Coordinator. opendoor@hermes.cam.ac.uk

Equal Opportunities

The University actively supports equality, diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from all sections of society.

The University has a responsibility to ensure that all workers are eligible to live and work in the UK