

CURATORIAL RESEARCH ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER PLACEMENT

What might the role involve?

This role supports the curatorial team in the development of a forthcoming temporary exhibition (name and detail of the exhibition is given when the placement is advertised).

Tasks may include:

- Working with the curatorial team on the conceptualisation and development of the exhibition
- Researching material, e.g. literature, images, historical objects and other exhibitions, closely related to the chosen theme of the exhibition
- Compiling and maintaining a clear record of findings and communications
- Reporting research findings to the curator

The placements

These fixed-term placements are voluntary internships; they last for three months and usually ask for 1 - 3 days a week. The dates are provided when the role is advertised. There is no set timetable for these placements – they occur when staff need additional support with a project.

Skills and experience

For most of these placements, the museum looks for someone with:

- An interest in a career in museums and curating exhibitions with relevant experience or qualifications to support this
- OR... a strong background in the subject matter of the proposed exhibition (e.g. Russian architecture, Ferrari cars)
- Good understanding and knowledge of contemporary design, including architecture
- Excellent research skills
- Competence using Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
- Good team-working skills

Applications

The museum receives a large number of applications, so is able to select the most suitable candidate(s). Preference is given to students and graduates who can demonstrate a proposed career in the cultural sector and, particularly, curating in museums and galleries.

Please do not apply unless a placement has been advertised