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Opportunities on campus

More than ever before, curators and archivists at the University are developing museum and heritage opportunities which both benefit students from the region in terms of hands-on experience and the University in terms of useful museum projects.

Opportunities on Campus

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts

The Barber Institute of Fine Arts offers six museum internships a year, designed to provide work experience for graduates from the History of Art department who are seeking a career in museums and galleries. There are opportunities to gain experience in Curating and Learning, Marketing, Press and PR and Exhibitions . Interns work under the direction and close supervision of the Barber Institute's staff, and each intern is also funded to attend a relevant seminar, workshop or conference, as agreed with their line managers.

For more information please contact: **info@barber.org.uk (mailto:info@barber.org.uk)**

Cadbury Research Library

This summer Cadbury Research Library: Special Collections is hosting a pilot project to offer three University of Birmingham student internships for two separate schemes: the first to improve research access to the athletics materials; and the second scheme to enable a student to acquire more in-depth experience of the work of libraries, archives and conservation which will include the opportunity to work on small independent projects across the spectrum of the service. The Cadbury Research Library also host external student placements.

For more information please contact: **special-collections@bham.ac.uk (mailto:special-collections@bham.ac.uk)**

The Lapworth Museum of Geology

The Lapworth Museum of Geology currently offers six scholarships for one month over the summer vacation. The scholarships give students the opportunity to gain a wide range of museum experience, including documentation, conservation and display, and the students then work on a part-time basis through the following academic year. Some years the students have the opportunity to work in Dudley Museum to gain experience of a municipal museum. The scheme is open to all students enrolled on geology single honours or joint honours programmes and is highly successful in introducing students to the museum profession. A large proportion have gone on to PGR and PGT degrees in palaeontology and other aspects of geology, and around 10% have entered the museum profession over the 12 years that the scheme has been running.

For more information please contact: **lapworth@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:lapworth@contacts.bham.ac.uk)**

Research and Cultural Collections

Research and Cultural Collections hosts placements for students from different disciplines across and outside the University, developing projects which are mutually beneficial. The students work on solo projects and in groups to gain valuable work experience for developing careers in the heritage sector. Projects are available across a broad range of arts, cultural and science collections. Since 2002 many undergraduates and postgraduates have developed museum knowledge and skills and the majority of them now work in the heritage business, in institutions such as the Tate, the National Trust, Manchester Museum and the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists.

For more information please see the **volunteering page (http://www.rcc.bham.ac.uk/Volunteering/index.shtml)**

Winterbourne House and Garden

Winterbourne House and Garden offers volunteering opportunities throughout the year as well as short paid work placements on specific projects. All students are welcome and will have the chance to mix with a wide range of people in the volunteer team. Current volunteers work in numerous areas depending on their interests. This includes the garden, helping at events and with children's activities and with our collections where they learn about accessions, digitisation and interpretation. Recent paid placements have focused on collections management, marketing, audience development and learning and outreach projects. Some of our students have gone on to work in the heritage sector, others just enjoyed being at Winterbourne.

For further details email **enquiries@winterbourne.org.uk (mailto:enquiries@winterbourne.org.uk)**

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