

British Library PhD Placement Scheme

Placement Projects since 2016



Activism

- Exploring British Library collections through 20th and early 21st century anti-poverty activism (blog post [here](#) and [here](#))
- Exploring food activism through the archives: the relationship between animal rights campaigns and food activism in the UK 1950-2015
- Independent, DIY and activist BAME publishing, in print and online, in 21st century Britain (blog post [here](#))

Antiquity

- Greek Papyri of late Antique Egypt

Asian Collections

- The Treasures of Danzan Ravjaa
- Historic photographs of the Silk Road

Contemporary British

- 21st century British comics (blog post [here](#) and [here](#))
- Art, Poetry and Politics – Contemporary British artists' books (blog post [here](#) and [here](#))
- Art, Poetry and Memory - Contemporary British artists' books (blog post [here](#))

Collecting and Collectors

- The printed books of Sir Hans Sloane (1660-1753), physician and collector (blog post [here](#) and [here](#))
- Charting the King's Maritime Collection
- Contemporary collecting from Australasia (blog post [here](#))
- George Orwell's collection of political pamphlets (blog post [here](#))
- The oriental manuscripts collection of Sir William Jones (1764-94)

Digital Scholarship and Digital Collections

- Investigating the PhD thesis in multimedia or non-text form (blog posts [here](#) and [here](#))
- Poetry Goes Online: Preserving poetry journals and zines for the Web Archive (blog post [here](#))
- Profiling the Digital Humanities landscape in China (blog post [here](#))
- Virus checking in long-term digital collection management and digital preservation (case study [here](#))

- Playbills in context: linked open data for historical playbills (blog post [here](#))
- Exploring our 'Endangered Archives' projects in Africa (case study [here](#))

Economy and Politics

- Understanding the economic impact of the Knowledge Quarter
- General Election 2015 Web Archive
- Researching the EU Referendum through leaflet and Web Archive collections (blog post [here](#) and case studies [here](#) and [here](#))
- Privy Council appeal cases (blog post [here](#))
- Trade literature in the British library collection
- Politicisation of commemorative practices in Eastern Europe (blog post [here](#) and [here](#))

Ephemera

- First World War French posters (case study [here](#))
- First World War ephemera (blog post [here](#))
- Research on the British Library's zines collection to improve user access (blog post [here](#))

History and Art History

- Karl Marx and the British Library (blog post [here](#) and case study [here](#))
- The representation and interpretation of James Cook's Voyages in the 19th and 20th centuries (case study [here](#))
- William Blake at the British Library (blog post [here](#))
- Telling the stories of the Treasures at the British Library
- Unlocking Charles I's vision of Rome
- Life on the Home Front: Experiences of the Second World War in Britain (blog post [here](#))

India

- Online access to catalogues of India Office Private Papers foundation collections
- Political cartoons in India in the 1930s and 1940s

Music

- European music print culture in the 16th and 17th centuries (blog post [here](#))
- Exploring music archives of 20th century British composers (blog post [here](#))

North America

- Exploring American foreign policy resources at the British Library (blog post [here](#))
- North American migrant narratives (case study [here](#))

Policy, Strategy and International Relations

- Understanding the network power of the Living Knowledge Network
- Examining the role of internal engagement and communications in the British Library
- Soft power and international working
- Communicating international engagement at the British Library

Science

- Science in society (blog post [here](#))
- Investigating Anne McLaren's notebooks

Sound Archives

- Developing access to the evolving English VoiceBank (blog post [here](#); case study [here](#))

Sports

- The UK Web Archive and the legacy of the 2012 Olympics (blog post [here](#))

Textiles

- Exploring and recording textiles in the British Library collections