

Waddesdon Manor Oxford Internship 2024



In association with the Department of History of Art, Waddesdon Manor is offering an internship to one student completing their course (BA or MSt) in Trinity Term 2024 from the Department of History of Art, Faculty of History, Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages or Faculty of Classics whose area of study is or has been art-historically orientated. The internship offers a range of valuable experience within the Collection Department, including research and documentation, and many Waddesdon alumni have gone on to careers in the arts, for example at the Tate, the V&A, the National Maritime Museum, Hepworth Wakefield and the Holburne Museum. The intern will work on a project proposed by the programme coordinators. The successful candidate will take up their place in August or September 2024. Part of Waddesdon's Studentship and Bursary programme, the internship is offered for a period of 1-3 months (duration to be agreed with the successful candidate). It is paid at living wage level (last year: £8.21 per hour) and includes accommodation on site for a nominal charge of £50pw.

Waddesdon Manor is a late 19th-century Renaissance-style chateau in Buckinghamshire. Created by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild and completed in 1889, it is one of the last remaining examples of 'le style Rothschild'. As well as housing one of the finest collections of French 18th-century decorative arts in the world, Waddesdon's diverse collections include important portraits by Gainsborough and Reynolds and works by Dutch and Flemish Masters of the 17th century. For more information please see www.waddesdon.org.uk.



There will be a short presentation from a previous intern at 11.00am on Wednesday 15 May (Week 4) at the Art History Dept in Littlegate House, when details of this year's projects will be made available. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting if possible.

Candidates should apply by email to Penelope Lane, History of Art Manager and Internship Coordinator: manager@hoa.ox.ac.uk no later than noon on Friday 24 May.

Applications must include:

- Applicant's name, college and date of matriculation.
- Summary of academic career since matriculation, and any relevant attainments, qualifications, or interests.
- Evidence of any foreign language reading ability (this is not a requirement for application).
- An essay (300- 500 words) describing the applicant's reasons for applying and their interest in Waddesdon. They may choose to specify one of the current projects at the house (the list of which will be available at the presentation on 15 May and thereafter from the Manager, History of Art Department), although it should be noted that the successful applicant may in the event work on different projects.
- The names of two referees, who should be tutors or others in a position to judge the applicant's ability to profit from the programme proposed, who should be asked to write to the Internship Coordinator at the above address no later than the closing date for applications.

Applicants selected for interview will be notified by Friday 31 May. Interviews will take place on **Friday 7 June** (tbc). Final Notification of Award shortly thereafter.