

Waddesdon Manor Oxford Internship 2026



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 2026 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 a number of Waddesdon alumni have gone on to careers in the arts, for example at the V&A, 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 her or his place in August or September 2026. The placement is part of Waddesdon's Studentship and Bursary programme and is offered for a period between three months and one year. It is paid at living wage level and includes accommodation on site for a nominal charge (full details on salary and accommodation to follow). Duration of the placement will be agreed with the successful candidate.

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 3 pm on Tuesday of Week 8 of Hilary Term (10 March) in the Schwarzman Building, Department of History of Art, Room 20.501. A faculty member will be present along with the intern to answer any questions about the internship. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting if possible.

Candidates should apply by email to Penelope Lane, History of Art Manager & Internship Coordinator: manager@hoa.ox.ac.uk no later than Wednesday of Trinity Term week 0 (22 April). Interviews will take place in week 1 or 2 (date tbc).

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 circulated shortly and will also be available from the Manager, History of Art Department). 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. Referees should be asked to write to the Internship Coordinator at the above address no later than the closing date for applications.