Waddesdon Manor Oxford Internship 2018

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 2018 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 and Holburne Museum. The intern will work on a project proposed by the programme coordinators and will produce a short report, presentation or catalogue within 2 months of completing the internship. The successful candidate will take up his or her place in July, August or September 2018 and will spend a minimum of one month at Waddesdon. Accommodation will be provided and a student bursary of £1000 will be awarded.

Waddesdon Manor is a late 19th-century Renaissance–style château 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 on Tuesday of Week 8 (6 March) at 2pm in the Department of History of Art, when details of this year’s projects will be made available. Anyone interested is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Application procedure:

Candidates should apply in writing to: Waddesdon Internship Coordinator, Department of History of Art, 2nd Floor, Littlegate House, St Ebbes, Oxford OX1 1PT no later than Monday 9 April. Applications must include:

a) Applicant’s name, college and date of matriculation.

b) Summary of academic career since matriculation, and any relevant attainments, qualifications, or interests.

c) Evidence of foreign language reading ability (if specified for a particular project).

d) An essay (not to exceed 500 words) detailing the applicant’s preferred research topic and describing their interest in the internship programme and reasons for applying. Essays must be typed and double-spaced.

e) 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 Tuesday of Week 0 of Trinity Term (17 April). Interviews will take place on the morning of Tuesday of Week 1 (24 April). Final Notification of Award shortly thereafter.