

## Placement Description

<b>Title</b>	Museum Assistant
<b>Department(s)</b>	Scottish History & Archaeology
<b>Ref:</b>	SH&A18
<b>Placement Type</b>	Curatorial

### **About the Scottish History & Archaeology department**

Scottish History & Archaeology is part of a larger directorate called '**Collections**' which includes five other departments, namely Art & Design, Collection Services, Natural Sciences, Science & Technology and World Cultures.

The Scottish History & Archaeology department is a key centre for the study and dissemination of information on Scottish culture and history in the wider context of Europe and the British Empire. Staff specialises in and look after collections within their own areas of expertise, such as Scottish Life Archive, Applied Arts or Dress & Textiles. Amongst many varied tasks, including research leading to a wide variety of publications and curatorial work, they also assist Exhibition and Learning & Programmes staff to prepare for exhibitions and events.

### **Some of the roles you will find in this department**

Principal Curator, Senior Curator, Assistant Curator, Keeper, Treasure Trove Assistant, Administrative assistant, Curatorial volunteer

### **Common career routes into Collections Departments**

School subjects can include History, English, Modern Studies, Geography and Art history. Further education graduate study courses may involve British or European History, History of Art, Fine Art, Architectural History or Archaeology. A postgraduate qualification in a Museums and Galleries studies course is often required. Work experience in a museum or gallery setting is useful, as is working as a volunteer in organisations like the National Trust or National Archives.

### **What type of work your placement will include**

You will learn more about the work of the department and assist a variety of curatorial staff who make up the Scottish History & Archaeology Department. This might include assisting in the following sections: Military History, Scottish Modern History, Scottish History and European Decorative Arts. Work may include assisting staff to register or pack objects, filing and visiting our National Museums Collection Centre at Granton, where our objects are stored.

### **Available date(s)**

If your school work experience week is in January 2018 you can apply for this opportunity. (\*Must fit with your schools work experience week)

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