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**The National Library of Scotland Clothworkers' Internship
Internship in Preventive Conservation**

12-month Internship starting September 2019

Location: The National Library of Scotland

Educational Stipend: £17,000

This conservation internship is possible through the generous support of the Clothworkers' Foundation.

This internship represents a first for the National Library of Scotland, being focused in Preventive conservation.

Working under the supervision of the Head of Collections Care, the internship will provide an opportunity to review and refine preventive conservation practices at the Library, to create new preventive conservation guidance and procedures as well as offering the opportunities to support research into other areas for development such as benchmarking against good practice in other organisations; reviewing conservation standards and guidelines; and testing materials and equipment.

The objectives of the internship will be for the intern to develop an in-depth knowledge in preventive conservation by undertaking a range of projects in the core areas of preventive conservation, such as:

- Environmental monitoring and control;
- Integrated Pest Management;
- Pollution monitoring;
- Disaster planning and preparedness;
- Storage improvements;
- Improving handling practices;
- Packing and transportation, including courier work, and
- Exhibition materials and design.

The intern will work across the Library's collections of books, maps, manuscripts, archives and pamphlets; including ephemera such as leaflets, flyers and posters, and also covering the Library's collections of paintings and sculptures, textiles and artefacts. In particular, we will ask the intern to investigate and devise preventive conservation strategies for some of the more unusual or challenging items in our collections, and to research and devise improvements to promote the sustainability of our exhibition mounting and display practices, such as degrading plastic posters, possible pigment alterations in manuscripts and disintegrating wet letter press books.

The successful applicant will have a recognised conservation qualification and will actively be seeking a career in preventive conservation. S/he will relish working in Scotland, and be a highly motivated, reliable and resourceful individual with outstanding interpersonal skills. Strong IT and organisational skills are essential.

Please apply using the application form on the Icon website only.

Closing date: 9am on 17th June 2019

Interviews will be held during the week of 8th July 2019 with start date of early September 2019.