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Notes of guidance: Heritage Trip to Amsterdam, 15th-19th March 2020

The opportunity

The Humanities Researcher Development and Training Programme, in collaboration with the Oxford-National Trust Partnership and supported generously by the Arts and Humanities Research Council's Cohort Development Fund, is pleased to offer fifteen **fully-funded** places on a short trip to Amsterdam for graduate students and researchers who have an active interest in the heritage sector, either through their research or their professional aspirations.

This trip will encompass site visits to museums, collections and historic properties; workshops with heritage organisations; curator-led tours; lectures; networking opportunities; and a research project showcase.

Rationale

This trip aims to introduce researchers to heritage initiatives in the wider European landscape, with particular focus on:

1. EU-funded collaborative partnerships across multiple countries
2. The Netherlands' leading approach to interrogating post-colonial legacies through collections management and display
3. Open access to digital collections

This trip seeks to stimulate the professional development of researchers whose research or professional aspirations intersect with the heritage sector, particularly those who seek to establish international links, build their networks outside academia, or identify new career opportunities.

Draft programme

Sunday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to Amsterdam • Self-led visits to museums/exhibitions of your choice
Monday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropenmuseum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tour and workshop: authenticity and ethnographic collections in the Netherlands ○ Lunch and networking with chief curator • Rijksmuseum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curator-led tour of Dutch East India Company Collections
Tuesday 17 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait Gallery of the Golden Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curator-led tour • The Mauritshuis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lecture on curating loan exhibitions



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Wednesday 18 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delft University of Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop with Innocastle team ○ Networking lunch • Visit to historic property, Province of Gelderland
Thursday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre for Digital Humanities, University of Amsterdam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Researchers' project showcase ○ Networking opportunities with Dutch researchers • Travel to Oxford

Return travel from Oxford to Amsterdam, in-country travel, single-occupancy accommodation (including breakfast), and entry to museums and sites are all covered. A per-diem stipend for subsistence will be provided directly to participants.

Commitment and participation

Applicants must commit to the **full five days** of the trip and participate fully in all scheduled activities to the best of their abilities. They will also be required to prepare and present a five-minute flash talk on their research to staff and researchers at the University of Amsterdam. They may also be asked to actively participate in the trip in other ways such as preparing and giving an informal gallery talk to the group, or sharing their thoughts and reflections on the day's activities at group meals.

If your application is successful, you will be required to accept your place by signing a document that confirms you agree to the following:

- That you currently hold a valid passport that expires on or after 19th September 2020, **or** are willing to obtain at your own expense a passport renewal before 8th March 2020
- That, if applicable, you currently hold a valid visa that permits you to exit and enter the UK before 20th March 2020, **or** are willing to obtain one at your own expense before 8th March 2020
- That you will register for University-provided travel insurance (at no cost to you) **or** arrange your own travel insurance (at your own expense), to include medical cover and personal liability
- That you currently hold a valid [European Health Insurance Card](#) that expires on or after 31st March 2020, **or** are willing to obtain one before 8th March 2020
- That you will participate fully, to the best of your abilities, in all aspects of the trip and its preparations
- That you will conduct yourself at all times during the trip in a professional manner, being aware that you are acting as an ambassador of the University of Oxford
- That you will advise the trip co-ordinator (caroline.thurston@humanities.ox.ac.uk) immediately if any difficulties arise before the start of the trip that may affect your ability to attend or participate fully in the trip
- That you will attend two compulsory 'briefing meetings' for all trip participants on Monday 3rd February and Friday 6th March
- That, after the trip's conclusion, you will contribute to the evaluation and reporting of the trip, for example through a short report, giving a brief presentation, writing a blog post, or contributing a short video interview

Please do not submit an application if you are not prepared to agree to the above statements.



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Eligibility and how to apply

Applications are invited from postgraduate students (MSt/MPhil/DPhil) and postdoctoral researchers in any Humanities discipline as defined by [the AHRC's subject remit](#). Applicants should demonstrate:

- A genuine interest in the heritage sector, either through their research interests or professional aspirations
- Understanding of, and commitment to, the rationale of the trip
- How they intend to actively participate in, and contribute to, the trip's programme of activities

Completed application forms should be submitted to Caroline Thurston (Humanities Researcher Development and Training Manager) via training@humanities.ox.ac.uk. The deadline for receipt of applications is 9am on **Monday 6th January 2020**. Successful applicants must accept the offer of a place by Friday 17th January 2020.

Please note that, due to Christmas closures, **any questions about the trip or the application procedure should be sent before Thursday 19th December**. Questions received after this date will not be answered.