

CERL 2023 INTERNSHIP and PLACEMENT GRANTS

Deadline: 16 April 2023

CERL would like to offer **eight** 2023 Internship and Placement Grants, to the value of 1,000 Euros each, to allow qualified librarians and scholars to work on CERL projects in CERL libraries, or in CERL offices, and to be trained on CERL digital resources, generally for a period of one month. If matched funding is provided by the hosting institution, the period can be extended.

In particular, CERL is looking to support people new to the profession, whether in librarianship or in academia, and to facilitate international mobility.

One of the **eight** grants is offered by Università Cattolica of Milan, and is specifically dedicated to one of their students, if suitable.

All internships should take place before the end of December 2023.

CERL asked its member libraries to propose projects suitable to the CERL Grant. This grant can only be assigned once to the same person. Applications not selected but positively vetted will be notified that they can be put in again for the next round. A written report for the CERL webpage, Newsletter, blog, and/or a presentation in person will be expected at the end of the internship/placement.

CERL's Grants Sub-Committee

INTERNSHIPS OFFERED BY MEMBER LIBRARIES AND CERL

1. Incunabula at the University of Groningen Library, The Netherlands – in person

The University of Groningen Library was founded in 1615. It has a significant collection of medieval and early-modern books. These include 212 incunables. In 2021, 51 of them were catalogued in MEI.

The library seeks applications from suitably qualified individuals to continue the cataloguing of its incunables with material evidence in MEI.

The University of Groningen Library will consider applications from those who wish to come to Groningen for one month (four working weeks). In addition to the CERL stipend of €1,000 to the successful candidate, our library will award a fellowship of €2,000 (i.e. a **total of €3,000**).

The grantee will be supervised by Adrie van der Laan Curator of Special Collections University of Groningen Library

Requirements:

- basic knowledge of hand-press books
- basic knowledge of analytical bibliography
- basic knowledge of Latin and English

2. Incunabula at the Huntington Library, San Marino California – in person

The Huntington Library—set among botanical gardens on a two-hundred-acre estate in San Marino, California—is one of the world's great independent research libraries. With approximately eleven million items spanning the 11th to 21st centuries, The Huntington annually serves the

research needs of over 1,800 readers from thirty different countries, who create a lively and diverse scholarly culture.

The Library's distinguished holdings include over 5,200 incunabula—the second-largest such collection in the United States. Assembled through a combination of discriminating individual selections and bold en-bloc-purchases, the books cover the map of 15th-century printing. They are especially rich in Italian and German imprints but also include rarities from England and the Iberian Peninsula. The Huntington incunabula constitute one of the cornerstones of [Bookbindings on Incunables: The Scott Husby Database at Princeton University](#), which revealed that nearly a quarter of the books retain contemporary bindings.

The Huntington is offering a one-month internship to create records of its incunabula in the Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI) database. The internship will be supervised by Stephen Tabor, Curator of Rare Books at the Huntington.

With support from the Consortium of European Research Libraries (CERL), The Huntington is offering a **stipend of \$3,500 for the month**, with the intern bearing the travel cost from the funding. Non-U.S. nationals need to apply for a J-1 visa. The Huntington maintains an exchange visitor program through the United States Department of State and will assist interns with providing the appropriate paperwork.

Requirements:

- good knowledge of Latin
- fluency in written English
- palaeographical skills that can be specialized in a geo-cultural region and may influence the parts of the collection to be assigned
- bibliographical training in rare books is preferred.

3.Working with the Incunabula Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) and Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI) – remote

The Incunabula Short Title Catalogue and the Material Evidence in Incunabula database both record and describe incunabula and are linked on several levels. Both databases use the same database to identify libraries that have incunabula in their collections: the Holdings database. In the ISTC datamodel, codes are used to link from the ISTC to the holdings database. At the moment, there are several libraries in the holdings database that do not have a code yet.

One **remote Internship of €1,000** is offered to work with Dr Karen Limper-Herz, British Library

- to add codes and full library names to the holdings database
- and, if time permits, work with the colleagues at the Data Conversion Group in Göttingen to add the codes to the ISTC.

Requirements:

- good English
- some investigative skills (libraries may have changed names or been incorporated in a larger structure, for example)
- ability to work carefully and precisely

4.Working with the Incunabula Short Title Catalogue (ISTC) and Material Evidence in Incunabula (MEI) – remote

The Incunabula Short Title Catalogue and the Material Evidence in Incunabula database both record and describe incunabula and are linked on several levels. However, as a result of the separate data gathering workflows, there are incunabula recorded in MEI that are not yet present in ISTC.

One **remote Internship of €1,000** is offered to work with Dr Karen Limper-Herz, British Library

- to go through the MEI database to identify incunabula recorded in MEI and not in the ISTC
- to add these to the ISTC

Requirements:

- basic knowledge of bibliographic descriptions of incunabula
- good English
- ability to work carefully and precisely

5.Marsh's Library, Dublin, Rare French printed ephemera, 1660-85 – in person

Marsh's Library in Dublin (founded 1707) would like to appoint a CERL fellow to catalogue roughly 30 short pamphlets and single sheet items found within two bound volumes of manuscripts which trace the history of the Huguenots in the quarter of a century before the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. The materials in these volumes were collected by the Huguenot scholar Abraham Tessereau. On his deathbed, Tessereau gave the volumes to the 1st Keeper of Marsh's Library for safe-keeping. Almost all of the ephemeral pieces in these volumes were produced on regional French presses in cities such as Rouen, Tour and La Rochelle. It is likely that some of them will be the sole surviving copy of the printed edition.

We would like the recipient of the CERL fellowship to add the printed items and associated images to our online catalogue www.marshlibrary.ie/catalogue

In addition to the standard CERL stipend, Marsh's Library will provide a top-up of €2,000 to the fellowship to help defray the costs of travelling to and staying in Dublin. The total value of the award will therefore be **€3,000**.

Requirements:

- knowledge of rare books
- knowledge of French and English

6.Ossolineum Library, Wrocław, Poland Description of the provenance marks in the Provenance Digital Archive of CERL – in person

One in-person internship of € 1,000 is offered to work on the CERL Provenance Digital Archive (PDA) in the Ossolineum Library, Wrocław, Poland. The CERL PDA is an online, free available resource where researchers and libraries can describe provenance marks. The aim of this internship is to expand the resource with provenance marks collected by MEI editors.

The internship duration is one month. The Ossolineum Library offers **free housing** for the time of the internship. Requirements: knowledge of rare books, preferably knowledge of Latin. The grantee will be supervised by Agnieszka Franczyk-Cegła, Head Collections Ossolineum and Chair of CERL's Provenance Working Group, with the assistance of the coordinator of the CERL PDA, Marieke van Delft.

7.Working Group on Retrospective National Bibliographies – remote

In 2021, CERL created a Working Group which focusses on Retrospective National Bibliographies (RNBs). The aim is to create a detailed overview of RNBs that record European printed materials, to investigate how CERL can make the most of the RNB data from a variety of countries that we already hold, and to encourage the European library community to record RNB numbers in their own catalogue records as this will support linking. In the first year, we were able to gather detailed information on libraries in the East of Europe (see https://www.cerl.org/collaboration/work/retrospectivenationalbibliographies#list_of_retrospective_national_bibliographies_in_europe). We now invite you to gather detailed information for countries in the West of Europe.

One **remote Internship of €1,000** is offered to work with the RNB Working Group on Western Europe and be supervised by Marian Lefferts. You will also be in regular communication with the members of the Working Group

- to create an overview of existing national bibliographies; to create a description of the RNBs' approaches and their content (incl. a determination whether the RNB covers the period 1450-1850)

which is the focus of CERL); to create an overview of which of the RNBs are in the Heritage of the Printed Book database; to work with the Working Group to turn information we have gathered into a database.

Requirements:

- knowledge of rare books and bibliography
- knowledge of English
- not essential but a bonus: knowledge of datamodels

8.CERL website – remote

The CERL website (www.cerl.org) is very information-rich. Over the years, CERL has organised many conferences, workshops and events – and has always created a separate web page with programme, power point slides and sometimes even recordings. While this information has therefore all be archived, it is not easy to find on the CERL website. The proposal is to go through the website, find all the relevant material and devise a better, more user-friendly way of presenting this information.

One **remote Internship of €1,000** is offered to work with Marian Lefferts on this task.

Requirements:

- You need to be able to read English fluently
- You need to be able to communicate with Marian (either in English, Dutch or German, therefore)
- You need to be able to work precisely and carefully

FOR STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITÀ CATTOLICA of MILAN

Since 2019, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Milan funds a dedicated grant to allow a student from its institution who matches the indicated requirements to be selected for a CERL internship abroad, specifically to work on incunabula and MEI.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Your application should include a CV (maximum two pages) and a covering letter. This should outline preference of destination/project and your suitability for the internship, your reasons for the application, and the name of one referee who can be contacted by CERL.

If the applicant is employed by an institution, the consent of the institution should be included. Short-listed candidates will be interviewed remotely.

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Please email the application to c.dondi@cerl.org