

Research Studentship

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Information for Applicants

1. The National Library of Ireland, in association with the Irish Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS), is offering a one-year Research Studentship for advanced graduate students (at least second year) or post-doctoral students of Irish history.
2. The student will work in the Manuscripts Department (Special Collections) of the National Library (see Appendix 1).
3. Requirements
The successful candidate will have:
 - Strong interpersonal skills and be able to work as part of a team
 - Ability to work in an organised and productive way with strong attention to detail
 - Ability to meet deadlines and to be able to work on their own initiative
 - Excellent IT skills.
4. The Studentship is designed to enable a student to undertake intensive study of a selected manuscript collection or collections which he/she might use as a major source in a post-graduate or post-doctoral research programme (see Appendix 1). On completion of the Studentship, it is envisaged that the student will resume their research programme and may continue to exploit the collection for its historical content.
5. The Studentship will be for a 12-month period.
6. The successful applicant will be offered a contract of employment by the Board of the National Library of Ireland.
7. The current annual rate of pay applying to the Studentship is aligned to the first point of the Clerical Officer (PPC) pay scale, currently €27,132 per annum, and accruing 22 day's annual leave.

8. The Studentship may be terminated by the National Library, at any time, in the event of misconduct by the student or persistent failure for any reason to carry out satisfactorily the duties assigned to him/her.
9. Completed application forms should be submitted by e-mail to the NLI's Human Resources Unit at careers@nli.ie.
10. Applications **must be made** on the official National Library of Ireland application form which can be found online through <https://www.nli.ie/about-us/working-national-library-ireland>. Only applications submitted on a National Library of Ireland application form will be accepted. The onus is on candidates to ensure that they have submitted their applications on the correct form.
11. The closing date for all applications is **14 July 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** Applications will not be accepted after this date. It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that their completed application form is received on time.
12. Applicants will be short-listed on the basis of the information contained in their application forms.
13. Successful candidates will be required to undergo both health and security clearance.
14. It is the responsibility of applicants to be available for interview on the allotted date.
15. The Library reserves the right to make such enquiries as it considers necessary in relation to an applicant before making an offer of a Studentship to him/her.

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- gain a practical knowledge of archiving and cataloguing;
- develop a broad understanding of a significant Library/information environment;
- develop customer service skills by assisting the duty archivist.

**Manuscript Collections available for the National Library Research Studentship
in Irish History, 2023-24**

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- **The Andrew Boyd Archive**

Papers of Andrew Boyd (1921-2011), journalist and historian, mainly relating to Northern Ireland in the 20th century, including notes, articles, correspondence and other papers. In 54 boxes.

- **Dublin Chamber of Commerce**

Collection of papers relating to the operations of Dublin Chamber of Commerce including minute books, letter books, accounts, reports and other papers of the Chamber, 1783-1940. In 28 boxes.

- **Riall papers**

Estate papers of the Riall, Hodson, Plunkett, Putland, Perry and related families and lands in the counties of Wicklow, Dublin, Wexford, Tipperary, Kilkenny and Longford. Mainly 18th and 19th century. In 21 boxes

- **Papers of the Vandeleur family of Wardenstown, Co. Westmeath**

Estate and family papers relating to the Vandeleur of Wardenstown, Co. Westmeath and related families including Bayly, Burton, Croasdale, Fitzgerald, Hayes and Layard. 1740-1960. In 13 boxes.

- **O'Callaghan-Westropp Papers**

Family papers of the O'Callaghans (later O'Callaghan-Westropp), Mills, Co. Clare. In 13 boxes.

- **Westport Papers (Additional)**

Papers relating to the Westport estate of the Browne family, Earls of Altamont and Marquesses of Sligo. Mainly 20th century with some 18th and 19th century material. In 63 boxes.

