



Library Studentship

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Information for Applicants

1. The National Library of Ireland, in association with the Master of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) programme, School of Information and Communication Studies, University College, Dublin, is offering a one-year Library Studentship for a graduate who wishes to gain experience of working in a library in advance of undertaking a postgraduate course in Librarianship. Please note that this position is not open to those who have already completed a postgraduate course in librarianship.
2. The Studentship will be for a 12-month period starting September 2025. It is anticipated that the student will undertake the postgraduate course in Librarianship the following year, beginning in Autumn 2026.
3. **Qualifications**
Applicants must have a relevant honours degree from a recognised university and wish to pursue a career as a professional librarian.
4. **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
 - Customer service experience
 - Previous Library experience is desirable, but not essential
5. The successful applicant will be offered a 12-month contract of employment by the Board of the National Library of Ireland.

6. During the course of the year, the student will be assigned to the Department of Published Collections (see Appendix 1), with a view to familiarising themselves with basic library theory and practice.
7. The current annual rate of pay applying to the Studentship will be €30,797 and accruing 22 days 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.
9. Applicants should send a Curriculum Vitae and a cover letter. The cover letter should indicate the applicants' interest in the Library Studentship at the NLI and should outline relevant library experience.

Please note: The cover letter should be no longer than 1 page and the Curriculum Vitae should be no longer than 2 pages.

Application documentation should be in a **single PDF** document and submitted by e-mail to the NLI's Human Resources Unit at careers@nli.ie

10. The closing date for all applications is **16th May 2025 at 3.00 p.m.** Applications **will not** be accepted after this deadline. It is the responsibility of candidates to ensure that their application is received on time.
11. Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of the information contained in their applications.
12. Candidates who are successful at interview will be required to undergo pre-hire checks including provision of references and a health and character declaration.
13. Interviews will take place in June. It is the responsibility of applicants to be available for interview on the allotted date.
14. 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 them.

Appendix 1

National Library of Ireland Studentship Programme

Job Title: Library Studentship
Temporary Fixed Term Contract (12 months)

Library Department: Published Collections

Studentship Programme: The position is being offered under the National Library of Ireland's studentship programme for graduates who wish to gain experience of working in a library, in advance of undertaking a postgraduate course in Librarianship.

The student will work in the Published Collections Department of the National Library of Ireland.

Main Duties

Duties will include but are not limited to:

- Assisting with acquisitions and cataloguing of published collections, including books, pamphlets, periodicals and newspapers;
- Learning to catalogue to international standards;
- Particular project work which may arise during the year and other duties as appropriate;
- Working with the reader services team developing expert customer service and interpersonal skills;
- Other duties as appropriate.

General Skills Required

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;
- Customer service experience;
- Previous library experience is desirable.

Learning

From their involvement in the studentship programme, students will:

- Gain a practical knowledge of acquisition and cataloguing processes;
- Develop a broad understanding of a significant Library/information environment;
- Have an opportunity to become familiar with the National Library of Ireland's published collections;
- Develop customer service skills.