

WORDSWORTH TRUST

INTERNSHIPS: WINTER, SPRING-SUMMER, FALL 2023



The Wordsworth Trust, one of the premiere literary archives and heritage sites in the UK, offers 14-week unpaid internships to four BYU undergraduates per year in the picturesque Lake District village of Grasmere. The Trust's properties include Dove Cottage, the home where William and Dorothy Wordsworth wrote many of their most famous works; the Jerwood Centre, a research library with an unrivaled collection of manuscripts, rare books, and landscape art related to the Wordsworths, their period, and the region; the recently redesigned Wordsworth Museum; and adjacent visitor sites. Rotating among various assignments, interns work with library collections, manage research projects, lead tours, and help staff the museum and gift shop. In their free time, they socialize with fellow interns (most of whom are recent college graduates from the UK), explore the Lake District, and complete BYU coursework. These varied experiences allow student interns to acquire expertise in Romantic-era literature, history, and culture; transferable skills working in museum, archival, and heritage settings; and 12 hours of academic credit, 6 of which can count toward the English major.

QUALIFICATIONS

Wordsworth Trust internships are reserved for advanced BYU English majors and HBLL student employees preparing for careers as scholars, librarians, or museum specialists. If no qualified English or HBLL students apply for a given slot, students from other majors may be considered. English majors should complete ENGL 291 and ENGL 292 in advance of the internship and, if possible, ENGL 387 (formerly ENGL 374). Successful applicants will demonstrate strong communication and interpersonal skills, stable physical and mental health, the experience and maturity to flourish in an environment where they might be the only American and Latter-day Saint, and the dependability to preserve BYU's strong relationship with the Trust.

DATES

Internships are 14 weeks long and generally correspond with BYU's academic calendar. Fall internships generally run from late August through early December, Winter internships from mid-January through late April, and Spring-Summer internships from early May through mid-August.

HOUSING

As part of the program cost, BYU students live in a private, furnished bedroom in an on-site house at the Trust. Internet and utilities are included, and students share a bathroom, kitchen, and commons area with other interns.

COURSES

All interns receive 12 academic credits, which during Spring-Summer post as 6 hours per term. English majors generally earn: ENGL 399R – Academic Internship (6 credit hours, 3 of which fulfill the major's English+ requirement)

ENGL 384 – Author Studies (3 credit hours; fulfills the Major Authors requirement)
HCOLL 399R – Professional Internship (3 credit hours; required to receive Humanities funding)
Other course combinations are possible according to individual needs.

COST

\$3,200

Includes Latter-day Saint, undergraduate full tuition (increased cost for grads and non-Latter-day Saint students), housing at the Trust, international health insurance, and processing fees for a UK visa.

Does not include airfare, other travel expenses, meals, and personal expenses. With these additional costs, students generally spend approximately \$6,000-7,000 total (before scholarships, stipends, and other forms of financial aid are applied).

TRAVEL

Students are responsible for purchasing their own airfare to and from the program sites. Airfare reservations must be made through BYU Travel. Students should contact a BYU travel agent.

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PREPARATION

Accepted students should plan to take the 1 credit hour HCOLL 396R (Internship Preparation) class during the second block of the Fall or Winter semester prior to their internship.

All participants are required to show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination (including booster) at least two weeks prior to departure.

FUNDING SOURCES

Although this is an unpaid internship, resourceful students often find ways to make it affordable. BYU scholarships and federal financial aid may be applied toward the program's cost. English majors and others with a major in the College of Humanities qualify for experiential education stipends of \$1,500–\$2,500, depending on financial need (<https://english.byu.edu/apply-internship-funding/>). Interns sponsored by the library receive a \$2,000 HBLL scholarship and may apply for additional funding through their department or college. Other potential funding sources include Humanities mentored learning grants, the English Department's Wordsworth Fund, the Kennedy Center's Global Opportunity Scholarships, and Honors thesis grants.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be 18 years of age or older.

Positions are filled up to a year advance as qualified and committed applicants come forward. Since there are no set deadlines, interested students should contact Paul Westover well in advance of when they would prefer to intern. After meeting with Paul Westover, promising candidates will be asked to submit an application consisting of three items:

1. A professional CV (or résumé);
2. Contact info for two professors (preferably in literature or related fields) and at least one former employer;
3. A letter of application addressed to the Wordsworth Trust.

After receiving applications, the Wordsworth Trust generally arranges Skype interviews with qualified candidates. Students should complete an official ISP application (which includes a non-refundable \$35 processing fee) only after receiving an offer from the Wordsworth Trust.

FACULTY

English majors interested in pursuing the English slot should contact Nick Mason (nick_mason@byu.edu) or Paul Westover (paw@byu.edu), professors of British Romanticism.

HBLL employees interested in pursuing the library slot should contact Maggie Kopp (maggie_kopp@byu.edu) or John Murphy (john_m_murphy@byu.edu) in Special Collections.

All 2022-23 interns – both English majors and HBLL employees – will work most closely with Paul Westover.

Melissa Mitchell, associate curator at the Wordsworth Trust, will be the primary supervisor for interns. No BYU faculty member or employee will be on site to supervise interns.

PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

International Study Programs (ISP) reserves the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost. If it becomes necessary for ISP to cancel a program, all program payments made to BYU ISP will be refunded to the student's BYU financial account. ISP is the only office authorized to cancel any of its programs.