

### PGR Placement

<b>Placement Provider:</b>	National Trust –Sizergh Castle
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<b>Location(s) of placement:</b>	Sizergh; desk-based; other archives; Other NT sites
<b>Start Date:</b>	Recruitment ASAP, research to be completed by Summer
<b>Duration:</b>	Flexible according to student's schedule
<b>Work hours each week:</b>	Up to 30, but flexible
<b>Deadline for Applications:</b>	ASAP
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity policy is in place and monitored</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resources available eg library data, computer, desk etc</b>	Induction; some hotdesk space available; access to National Trust properties
<b>Security clearance required</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Disclosure Barring Service check required</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Placement meets the following strategic objectives for the placement provider:</b>	
The research undertaken during this placement will underpin the interpretation for the main exhibitions and events at Sizergh in 2019 and 2020. Engaging more deeply with academic research is part of the National Trust's new ten-year strategy, and bringing a sense of academic rigour to the archives and stories relating to Sizergh should deepen the connection people have with the Castle, encourage new and repeat visitors, and enhance the visitor offer.	
<b>Description of Placement:</b>	
<p>This placement will give the student an opportunity to create an informative but accessible research report that will be used to underpin the main exhibitions at Sizergh Castle in 2019 and 2020. In addition to creating an important piece of research that will have practical value to the National Trust, the student will work with members of staff based at properties and within the consultancy to develop an understanding of how the Trust works. This placement is flexible in terms of time commitments, and the student and NT staff will agree to a work schedule that works for both sides.</p> <p>The principal output of the placement will be a report (of around 3-5000 words) about Sizergh Castle, its key people (owners and staff), and it's political and social significance in the 1930s. Some of the research will be on site at Sizergh Castle, but the majority will be desk-based, independently led research that positions the history of Sizergh in a wider context. The student will be supported with regular supervision meetings, and objectives and outputs will be decided together.</p>	
<b>Expected Tasks and Outcomes :</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To use the archive at Sizergh to build an understanding of the area of interest.</li> <li>• To use historical and contextual knowledge to provide a wider perspective on these stories.</li> <li>• To identify and explore collections held in other archives relevant to the Sizergh stories.</li> <li>• To produce a research file for use in exhibition/installation planning.</li> </ul>	
<b>Specific Skills/Experience/Training Required for the Placement:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to manage own time effectively</li> <li>• Methodical note-taking</li> <li>• Ability to use own initiative to follow up leads</li> <li>• Understanding of academic bibliographic conventions</li> </ul>	

- Organisational skills
- Comfortable with using diverse sources to support finding

**Training and experience expected to be gained through the placement:**

- Further training on use of archives in a historic setting
- Mentor support from National Trust staff
- Training and experience on exhibitions and interpretation planning
- Working with collections and collections management systems.
- Communicating with a non-academic audience
- Working as part of work place team
- Improved awareness of transferable skills.
- Producing work in a limited time frame
- Awareness of the application of academic knowledge in a commercial setting.