

# MHM Student placement opportunities

The Marks-Hirschfeld Museum of Medical History is home to one of Australia's finest collections of medical material heritage. The collection comprises over 6000 objects including instruments, photographs, books, personal effects and artworks. Our vision is to tell the rich history of medicine in Queensland. For more information visit our website, [medicine.uq.edu.au/museum](http://medicine.uq.edu.au/museum)

## PLACEMENT SUMMARY

**Timeframe** From 4-20 weeks, Tuesdays and/or Thursdays at the Herston campus. Depending on the nature of the project some remote work could be possible.

- Requirements**
- Enrolment in or completion of qualifications in Museum Studies, Archival Studies, Medicine, Public Health, History or equivalent
  - Statement of project intent and proposed timeframes
  - Conversation with Museum Curator and approval of project

## POTENTIAL PROJECTS

- Policy audit and refresh**
- Review Museum's current written policies
  - Identify gaps, outdated ideas and inconsistencies in existing policy content
  - Draft recommendations for new and/or amended policy guidelines

- Basic conservation and storage of a small collection subset**
- Focusing on a small sub-set of the Collection (i.e. needles and syringes, anaesthetics, obstetrics and gynaecology), develop and implement an industry standard conservation and storage plan
  - Detail recommendations and procedures in a handbook that can be implemented by volunteers with future collections

- Catalogue data audit**
- Draft a framework for a data audit of the Museum's existing Microsoft Access catalogue, with a view to migrating data to a collection-specific CMS (i.e. Axiell EMu)
  - Modify the existing Access database to make migration easier and to ensure it conforms to current cataloguing methods and objectives

Assist in the development of a public program for high school visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the current QLD curriculum to identify areas where the Museum collection may contribute (i.e. Year 9 history component on the Industrial Revolution)</li> <li>• Devise an engagement program for school visits using collection objects, perhaps including online options for regional schools</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
Assist with the curation of a small exhibit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the Curator, plan a small exhibition (10-20 objects) on a theme from medical history supported by collection holdings</li> <li>• Draft an exhibition narrative, shortlist objects for display</li> <li>• Produce labels, write website content</li> </ul>
Research the history of the medical profession and First Nations peoples in Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce an investigative piece on the historical engagement of medical professionals with Indigenous communities in Queensland</li> <li>• Primary sources might include GP diaries, remembered histories, Mission records, Parliamentary papers and hospital reports</li> <li>• Discuss with the Museum team how this research might feed into the Faculty's Reconciliation Action Plan and be a platform for Museum policy development</li> </ul>
Other proposals and projects may be considered after consultation with the Curator	

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