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**The Bowes Museum HLF Skills for the Future Internship
Internship in Paintings Conservation**

12 months Internship starting October / November 2016

Location: The Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle, County Durham

Supervisor: Jon Old

Educational Stipend: £16,000

The Bowes Museum, in partnership with Icon, and with the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund is offering a programme of Paintings Conservation internships from 2014 to 2019. The Museum will host one paintings intern per year, to work within the conservation department.

Based in the conservation studio at the Bowes Museum the intern will gain hands on experience working on the acclaimed collection of European paintings acquired by John and Josephine Bowes. This includes one of the largest collections of Spanish Paintings in any British museum. More information is available at www.thebowesmuseum.org.uk

Working with the Paintings Conservator, the intern will carry out conservation assessments and treatments on paintings from the collection. As part of the conservation team, the intern will gain practical, preventive and workplace skills, tailored to help them develop their career in conservation. Projects throughout the year will include:

- Conserving paintings for exhibitions and displays
- Conservation audit
- Preventive conservation of the painting collections
- Preparing paintings for loan/ tour
- Regular contributions to The Bowes Museum blog
- Publicising the work of the department through networking with other professionals, attending conferences, publications etc.

Candidates will be asked to present a portfolio with evidence of their conservation work and/or related painting skills at the interview

You can apply for these placements if you have a recognised qualification in conservation, preferably specialising in paintings. Applicants wishing to pursue a career in paintings conservation, without formal training, but with a demonstrable interest in museums conservation and heritage, and able to demonstrate a high level of painting skills will also be considered. Applicants from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Please apply using the application form on the Icon website only.

Closing date: 12 noon on 25th July 2016

Interviews will be held the week of 29th August, with start date October or November 2016 (flexible depending upon the candidate).