

Internship Title:	Christmas Lectures Intern
Date	September to December 2024
Location:	Albemarle St, London
Contract type:	3-month full-time (35 hour) internship
Salary:	Payment through University/Research Council Stipend

The role of the CHRISTMAS LECTURES Intern

This placement will involve joining the Ri at its busiest and most exciting time of year: the planning, filming and broadcasting of the CHRISTMAS LECTURES.

Started by Michael Faraday in 1825, and first broadcast on national television in 1936, the CHRISTMAS LECTURES are the UK's flagship science series. This three-part series is filmed in front of a live studio audience in the Ri's famous lecture theatre and watched by millions on the BBC over the festive period, and on BBC iPlayer and the Ri YouTube channel afterwards.

The CHRISTMAS LECTURES intern will be a key part of the delivery team for the lectures, working alongside the Ri Team. They will assist with preparations for the creation, development and implementation of the CHRISTMAS LECTURES and associated activities. The role will involve working with Ri colleagues, a TV production company, partner organisations around the UK, and a variety of unpredictable children, animals, academics and props.

Every day will be different but potential tasks and responsibilities include helping to coordinate the multiple partners who come together to make the Lectures happen. This may include researching items for scripts and supporting script production; liaising with schools on their engagement; coordination of internal workstreams, and overseeing certain elements of the production. There may be heavy lifting or access to hazardous material, but full Risk Assessments will be carried out and training and support given where necessary.

You may also be provided with the opportunity to work with Ri colleagues from other departments so that you end your placement with a full understanding of how the Ri meets its mission.

Who are we looking for?

This placement would be ideal for anyone interested in learning more about science communication and informal education through demonstrations, live events, and mass media. There is no need to have any prior TV or presenting experience, but the following experience is highly desirable:

- Experience working on projects with multiple stakeholders working towards delivery to a rigid timetable.
- Experience of taking science communication and/or informal education projects from conception through to delivery.