

<b>Internship Title:</b>	Christmas Lectures Demonstrations Intern
<b>Date</b>	Late October 2026 to late January 2027
<b>Location:</b>	Albemarle St, London
<b>Contract type:</b>	(x1) 3-month full-time (35 hour) internship - open to PhD students only
<b>Salary:</b>	Payment by stipend from University/Research Council/ Doctoral Training Programme. Please check funding before applying.

### **The CHRISTMAS LECTURES and the role of the Demonstrations 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.

The CHRISTMAS LECTURES Demonstrations intern will be a key part of the creative team of the touring versions of the lectures, working in parallel with the Ri Team as they develop the filmed lectures. This role will assist with preparations for the creation, development and implementation of the touring version of the CHRISTMAS LECTURES and associated activities.

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. It is also taken out to partners around the world in a condensed 30min or one hour live theatre format that not only spreads the science, but also generates income for The Royal Institution.

Working with the guidance of the Ri Demo Team you will collect and collate information about the demonstrations and ideas being used in the CHRISTMAS LECTURES, and modify them to fit the parameters of a touring show. Working from the original scripts, as written by the Production Team, and with the support of the experienced Demonstration Team, you will condense over three hours of content into a 30min and a 1hour version of the Lecture, with an emphasis on demonstrations and international transportability.

The Ri Demonstration Team will have access to the original content as it is created and experience working alongside a TV production company. During filming week, you will also have the opportunity to witness, and likely assist, the production as it happens.

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, theatre, 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.
- Experience of working with non-academic audiences, especially school age children
- Ability to work collaboratively in a creative team with a passion for science communication.

We encourage you to apply even if you don't meet all the desirable criteria. This role is a valuable learning opportunity, and we welcome candidates who are eager to grow and develop their skills.

**Practicalities:** This opportunity is only open to PhD students who are eligible to undertake an internship as part of their studentship and receive a stipend from their Doctoral Training Programme (DTP). Please check with your university/DTP to ensure funding is available before applying for this internship.

For more information about the Ri, the internship programme, relevant dates for this internship, and to download the monitoring form, please see our website at [Work with us | Royal Institution \(ri.org\)](#)

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