



**Trinity College Dublin**

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## **Yale – TCD Alumini Bursary for Research in Children's Literature**

### **Application Form 2017**

Please complete and return to Dr Pádraic Whyte at [whytepa@tcd.ie](mailto:whytepa@tcd.ie).

Deadline for receipt of applications is **5pm on Monday, 27th March, 2017 (Hilary Term, Week 11)**

This bursary is designed to encourage and facilitate collaborative research on the children's book collections in TCD and Yale. Approximately €3,500 will be made available to facilitate travel to work on the Betsy Beinecke Shirley Collection of American Children's Literature at Yale University.

#### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be students in the School of English and be engaged in an independent research project - e.g. a final year dissertation, Masters or PhD thesis - within the School, and must obtain course coordinator or supervisor's approval to travel.

Please note:

Current Junior Sophister students who plan to complete a dissertation project (in the area of children's literature) during their Senior Sophister year (2017/18) are eligible to apply.

Current MPhil students who plan to work on a dissertation project (in the area of children's literature) during the summer of 2017 are eligible to apply.

Current PhD students who include any aspect of children's literature in their research are eligible to apply.

#### **Expected outcomes**

Completed projects should include a written report on the work undertaken while at Yale and the value of that work to an augmented understanding of the Betsy Beinecke Shirley Collection.

#### **Deadline for application and timeframe for decision**

Completed application forms, including sign-off from course directors or supervisors, should be emailed to [whytepa@tcd.ie](mailto:whytepa@tcd.ie) no later than 5pm on Monday, 27th March, 2017. You can expect to hear back by email shortly thereafter.



### Details of Collection

The Betsy Beinecke Shirley Collection of American Children's Literature encompasses 10,552 monograph items (printed books and other items, such as kerchiefs and games) along with 664 periodical titles (consisting of thousands of individual issues) and 53 archival boxes of manuscripts and letters. In the words of the woman who gathered the collection, "My underlying scheme is to present historically the books American children read – from the beginning to the present day. These books were not always the ones intended for them – but somehow they knew better and from their nursery library came the genesis of the American spirit."

Found in the collection are books from the colonial period, reading and learning manuals, etiquette books, children's literature classics, fairy tales, poetry (including Mother Goose rhymes), American editions of British or European classics, books about American history or great American figures, letters and manuscripts by writers of children's literature, or written by young people or to them, chapbooks, juvenile journalism, games, book dummies, and original artwork by American illustrators. The Beinecke Library continues to add items that complement the original collection. A guide to the archival component can be found here:

<http://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/beinecke.shirley>

Printed items are cataloged in Yale's main online catalog: <http://orbis.library.yale.edu>

Also see Timothy Young (ed.) *Story Time: Essays on the Betsy Beinecke Shirley Collection of American Children's Literature* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2016)

The collection curator is: Timothy Young ([timothy.young@yale.edu](mailto:timothy.young@yale.edu))

Please note it is expected that the successful candidate will travel to Yale between 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2018, at a time that also suits the curator of the collection.



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**Please complete all fields**

**Name:**

**Student Number:**

**TCD Email address:**

**Name of supervisor in School of English:**

*(If you do not have a supervisor at this stage, please name the Head of Sophisters or your MPhil Course Director and ask him/her to sign this form)*

- 1. Track Record.** Include details of your academic track record to date (grades achieved, current status, etc.) as well as listing your previous experiences of studying or researching children's literature (Max 200 words).

- 2. Project Title and Description** (Max 1000 words). What is your project? How will you use the Children's Book Collection at Yale? What is your research methodology? What do you hope to achieve by the end of your time there?

- 3. What makes your application/project distinctive?** (Max 300 words)



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**4. Expected Outcome.** What do you hope to achieve by the end of your research project at Yale?  
How will it contribute to your studies in Trinity? (Max 200 words)

**5. For supervisor/course coordinator**

I am happy to support this application.

Signature of Supervisor/Course Coordinator (*digital signature will suffice*):

**6. Confirmation**

I confirm that all information in this application is correct.

Signature of Student (*digital signature will suffice*):