



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

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 (Week 11)**

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

Deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Thursday, 31st March, 2016 (Week 11)

This bursary is designed to encourage and facilitate collaborative research on the children’s 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.

#### **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 coordinators or supervisors, should be emailed to [whytepa@tcd.ie](mailto:whytepa@tcd.ie) no later than 5pm on Thursday, 31st March, 2014. 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> The collection curator is: Timothy Young ([timothy.young@yale.edu](mailto:timothy.young@yale.edu))

Yale University is located just north of New York City, approximately 90 minutes by train.

<http://www.yale.edu>

### **Note:**

The award allows an independent researcher access to the collection at the Beinecke Library. The bursary should cover the costs of return travel between Dublin and Yale, and accommodation and subsistence for an estimated four-week stay. Please note it is expected that the successful candidate will travel to Yale between June 2016 and March 2017, at a time that also suits the curator of the collection.



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## Application Form

Please complete all fields

**Name:**

**Student Number:**

**TCD Email address:**

**Name of supervisor/course coordinator in School of English:**

**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:

**6. Confirmation**

I confirm that all information in this application is correct.

Signature of Student: