

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Conservation Management Plan for Marsh's Library, 2023 to 2026

To whom it may concern,

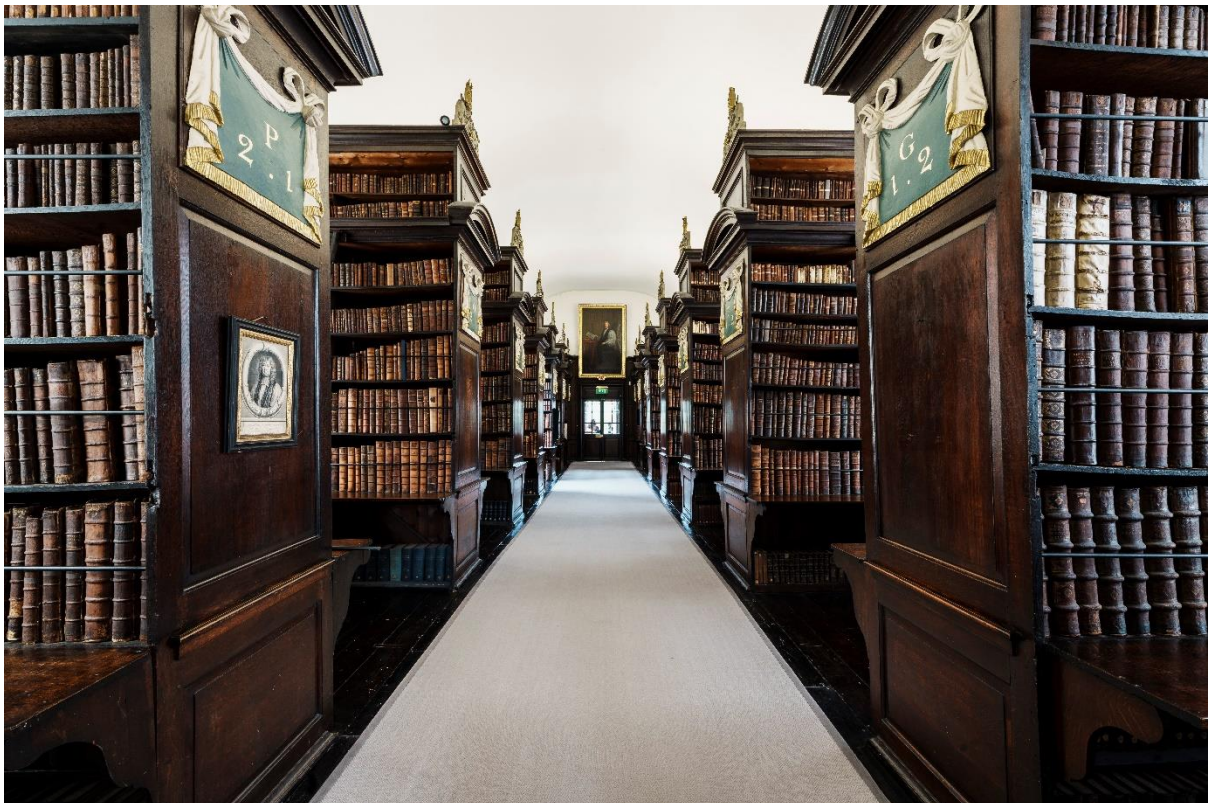
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Marsh's Library wishes to engage a qualified conservation architect to prepare a five-year Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the historic buildings and garden of the library, 2023-2028.

It is envisaged that the successful candidate will be appointed as the library's conservation architect responsible for overseeing all necessary works during the period of the CMP, 2023-2028.

The Library

The library is a small independent charity which operates under the terms of an Act of Parliament passed in 1707, with an amendment to the board of trustees under Section 62 of the Cultural Institutions Act of 1997.



The library functions as a cultural heritage attraction and as a working scholarly research library with an international remit and reputation. Its primary source of income is an operating grant from the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media.

Admission fees and trading form another income stream, with philanthropic donations and specific-purpose research grants also supporting our charitable activities.

The historic building opened to the public in 1707 and retains many important architectural and historical features of the early-eighteenth century.

2013-2023

The library raised more than €1M over the past decade to fund a range of repairs and improvements including the restoration of more than 80 historic windows, the installation of a fire suppression system on the ground floor, repainting and recarpeting of public spaces, and repairs to the historic furniture of the public galleries. These works were carried out under the auspices of a CMP prepared in 2013.

2023-2028

The library invites proposals from suitably qualified individuals or companies to prepare a Conservation Management Plan for the next five years. The ideal candidate or company will:

- Be a Grade 1 conservation architect with experience of historic buildings.
- Provide a quotation and a timeframe for the delivery of a Conservation Management Plan for the historic buildings and garden of Marsh's Library.
- Work with the management of the library to deliver the works outlined in the Conservation Management Plan in a timely and cost-effective manner, as funding becomes available over the period from 2023 to 2028.



Visit

Those who are unfamiliar with the library are invited to contact the management to arrange a tour of the historic building and garden, as well as an overview of the most pressing conservation tasks. The email address for contact is director@marshlibrary.ie

How to Apply

Interested parties should submit:

- a short statement of their professional experience as a conservation architect and examples of their work in this field (no more than 4 pages), and
- a written quotation for the provision of a Conservation Management Plan for the historic buildings and garden of Marsh's Library.

When and Where to Apply

Professional statements and quotations for the provision of a Conservation Management Plan must be sent no later than 5.00 pm (Irish time) on Friday, 28 April 2023 to the following email address: director@marshlibrary.ie

They should be marked for the attention of the Director of the library, Dr Jason McElligott.