

## UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN THOMAS REID COLLECTING PRIZE 2023

## APPLICATION FORM

**WHAT DO YOU COLLECT?**

Please return to Jennifer Shaw: [jennifer.shaw1@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:jennifer.shaw1@abdn.ac.uk) by Friday 16th February 2024

<b>STUDENT ID NUMBER</b> (Do not include your name)	
<b>TITLE OF COLLECTION</b>	

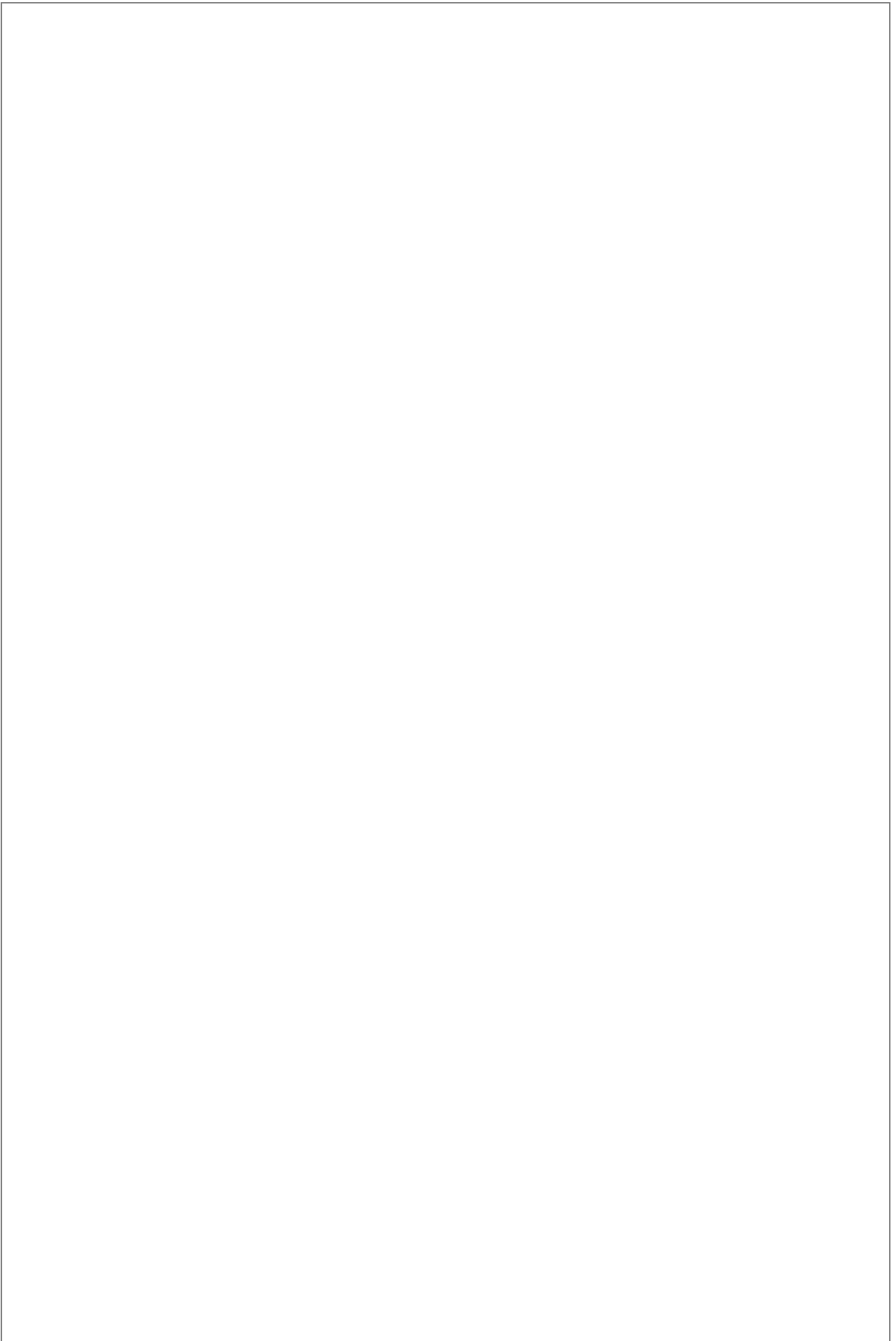
**DESCRIPTION**

Describe how and why you created this collection, along with some of its contents. Use around 1000 words, and include any images you think might be relevant. Please tell us about

- the overall character of your collection
- why you created the collection, including personal and/or professional factors
- how you created the collection
- what sort of material you would like to add to your collection, and why
- some specific items you would like to purchase

***In addition, please include a list of the most significant items in your current collection.***

*Remember to demonstrate a coherent vision, along with creativity and originality!*



## RULES

1. The prize will be offered by the Aberdeen Humanities Fund, through the generous support of Dr William Zachs. Its purpose is to encourage students of the University of Aberdeen to develop their own coherent collections of printed material.
2. Payment of the prize will be in two parts. The first part is a payment of £500 to the winner with the expectation that this will be used to enhance their collection. The second part is an allowance of £250 for the purchase of an item or items for the University of Aberdeen Museums and Special Collections, to be selected by the winner in co-operation with Museums and Special Collections staff.
3. The prize will be offered to a registered student of the University of Aberdeen. This includes undergraduate and postgraduate students, taught and research students, and part-time and full-time students. Students pursuing Individual Subject Study are not eligible to apply.
4. The entrant must have an existing collection and be its sole owner. The collection may consist of books or other printed material and have a common theme.
5. Entries should be submitted using the University of Aberdeen Thomas Reid Collecting Prize 2023 application form.
6. Entrants may be given the opportunity to deliver a presentation to the judges' panel.
7. The Prize will be awarded at the judges' discretion. The award will be based on the interest, originality, thoughtfulness, creativity and importance of the collection, and the vision of the collector. The age, size and monetary value of the collection will not be relevant criteria. Short-listed applicants may be invited to share their ideas with the panel. The judges' decision on any matter is final.
8. Entries will be judged by a panel drawn from University of Aberdeen Museums and Special Collections, the Aberdeen Humanities Fund, and relevant academic disciplines.
9. If won by an undergraduate, the prize will be recorded on their enhance degree transcript.
10. Completed application forms must be emailed to Jennifer Shaw: [jennifer.shaw1@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:jennifer.shaw1@abdn.ac.uk) no later than **Friday 16th February 2024**.