

Sample Project Proposal 1:

For the past three years, I have taught A Level Classics at Newcastle College. I am keen to provide extra 'stretch and challenge' opportunities for my students, particularly those aiming for entrance to Oxbridge or Russell Group universities. Most of my students come from low income backgrounds and have little previous experience of Classical studies. In 2013, Classics students will have the opportunity to participate in a study trip to Rome to visit many of the Classical sites they have studied. To support this trip, I will be introducing a new A2 module on 'The Invention of Imperial Rome'. I also hope to integrate this focus on the creation of Imperial Rome with the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

If successful, my time at St John's College would be spent on research based on the latest scholarship on the political, cultural and social developments in Rome from the reign of Augustus to the end of the 1st Century AD. Entry to the Bodleian Library will be beneficial in accessing the most recent research in this field. My aim will be to write a study guide for A2 students which will include summaries of the latest research on topics relating to the new module. I also intend to write an article summarising the latest research linked to this module for the *Journal of Classics Teaching*, published by the *Joint Association of Classics Teachers*. In this way, I hope that my time at St John's College will prove beneficial to other institutions.

Strengths:

Project requires access to HE resources

Project relevant to resources held in Oxford

Project clearly defined (write study guide)

Plan to disseminate project outcomes more widely

Weaknesses:

Not directly linked to resources held at St John's College

Could identify specific resources held in Oxford that would be of use.