The Power of Objects
an introduction to the University of Cambridge Museums

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Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
Botanic Garden
Museum of Classical Archaeology
The Fitzwilliam Museum
Kettle’s Yard
The Polar Museum
Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences
Whipple Museum of the History of Science
Museum of Zoology
8 Accredited University Museums and Botanic Garden within a square mile in the City

Several million objects, collections spanning arts and sciences

Internationally important collections, including five Designated collections
in 2017-18

1,059,355 visitors
6,897 research visitors
34,000 school children
10,530 HE visitors
300 staff
700 volunteers
The role of our collections within the University
Centres of Research
University teaching and learning
Widening participation
The University’s role in society
Diversity, equality & inclusivity
International relationships & networks
Our strategic context
Our funders

University of Cambridge
Research England
Arts Council England
Heritage Lottery Fund
City & County Councils
And more
Our Audiences
We remove barriers and stimulate curiosity, making people feel welcome and enabling them to access, engage, participate in and influence our work

Our Communities
We strengthen and enrich communities and enable people to have greater opportunities to participate equally in society

Our Organisations
Our staff are skilled and knowledgeable, collections are well cared for, organisations are appropriately resourced, sustainable, well governed and we have effective and mutually beneficial partnerships

Our Excellence, Leadership & Reach
Our exceptional collections, Research, programmes and practice enable the UCM to have local, regional, national and global reach and impact