SIR HANS SLOANE
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GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION
My UROP project focused around the famed physician Sir Hans Sloane. Sloane’s collection was the basis for the British Museum and his catalogue continues to fascinate researchers at the British Library, giving insight especially to the Republic of Letters and Medicine of the 1700s.

I had the great luck of being able to research Sloane at the British Library. Working to produce a series of Blog posts to be published on Dr Lisa Smith’s Website: http://sloaneletters.com/

Research skills learnt:
- Researching Catalogues and Archives
- Writing Blog Posts
- Analysing Website Interface
- Extracting Data
- Analysing Material
- Cross-analysis

Soft skills or other transferable skills
- Time-management
- Reporting
- Preparing Blog Posts
- Creativity
- Working Independently
- Communication Skills
- Interview Skills

My tasks as a UROP student
- Researching the catalogue of Sir Hans Sloane at the British Library.
- Writing Blog Posts on topics of interest found through the research.
- Writing a Report on ways to improve the website.
- Extracted Data From Spreadsheet.

My favourite aspect of my UROP placement and how will you use the above skills?
The most enjoyable aspect of my UROP placement was the research I partook at the British Library, being able to read letters that date from 300 years ago and use other sources to obtain information. The skills learnt on this placement will be perfect for applying for Postgraduate courses and Jobs once I have finished University.