

# James Clerk Maxwell Foundation

## Information for Prospective Trustees

James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879) is one of the greatest scientists who has ever lived. To him we owe the most significant discovery of our age - the theory of electromagnetism. He is rightly acclaimed as the father of modern physics. He also made fundamental contributions to mathematics, astronomy and engineering.

The **James Clerk Maxwell Foundation** was established in 1977 and is governed and administered according to the Law of Scotland. (Registered Scottish Charity SC015003).



## About the Foundation

The Foundation has two principal functions, as outlined in its *Deed of Declaration of Trust*:

1. to promote, encourage and advance study, research and dissemination of knowledge relating to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in all their aspects;
2. to commemorate, with no view to profit, the life and legacy of James Clerk Maxwell:
  - by publishing (or contributing towards) Maxwell-related scientific or educational books, films, papers, essays, monographs and/or lectures;
  - by supporting STEM-related activities and the work of others who have contributed significantly to the advancement of STEM.

## Outreach Activities of the Maxwell Foundation

Since its formation, the Foundation has supported an annual set of charitable donations, including scholarships and prizes to senior and junior scientists as well as to students, to assist with their study and research. It also produces articles about Maxwell and STEM, including our new series *The Maxwellian*, and promotes books about Maxwell - for example "*Brilliant Lives, The Clerk Maxwells and the Scottish Enlightenment*" by John Arthur, our Foundation curator.

In 1993 the Foundation acquired **14 India St**, the elegant Georgian terrace house in Edinburgh New Town where James Clerk Maxwell was born on 13 June 1831. The Foundation now operates Maxwell's birthplace as a museum and offers tours both [online](#) and in-person. The house features artworks, scientific instruments relevant to Maxwell's work and many other items of historical note.



The Foundation maintains on its website a wealth of information about Maxwell, his work, life and legacy - with many articles, video and audio documentaries, posters and other documents available, as well as a picture gallery.



## Trustees of the Maxwell Foundation

Governance and oversight of the Foundation is maintained by its Trustees, who bring diverse expertise and skills in support of their shared passion for Maxwell and his legacy. A full list of Trustees is available on the [Foundation website](#).

The Foundation is a small charity and is always open to adding to its Trustees, Fellows and Ambassadors, with a view to further strengthening its activities in the promotion of James Clerk Maxwell and STEM.

**To find out more about the Foundation, including how you might consider becoming a future Trustee, feel free to contact us: [jcmf@clerkmaxwellfoundation.org](mailto:jcmf@clerkmaxwellfoundation.org).**