

Eline Daveloose (after finishing her Ma in Greek and Latin Linguistics and Literature) about her (voluntary) internship with DBBE

Teamwork makes the DBBE dream work!

After finishing my Master of Arts in Linguistics and Literature (Greek and Latin) in 2019, I knew for sure: I really aspired a career in the academic world, which had fascinated me during my studies and especially while working on my master's thesis in Greek linguistics. To gain experience in this field I decided to do an internship with the [Database of Byzantine Book Epigrams](#) (DBBE). I joined this enthusiastic team, which carries out a very impressive project, for one day a week for three months.

I got to collaborate with a fantastic, international group of extremely experienced, talented, motivated and above all very kind researchers. They made me feel at home from the very first day and were there for me whenever I needed them. During my internship I had the chance to get a taste of the comings and goings of an academic researcher and to work with numerous manuscripts. This meant that I not only broadened my knowledge and abilities in paleography and epigraphy – Ancient and Byzantine Greek texts don't just appear out of thin air, you know! – but that I also achieved skills in problem-solving and learned how to work efficiently with a substantial database. Moreover, I got to attend the DBBE meetings and to be part of a lovely, tightly organised, well-oiled 'machine' with a remarkable group dynamic.

It was a great experience to work with this team and to be able to contribute to this admirable project. This internship has been really enriching in so many ways. In short, it was a pleasure to be a DBBEing!