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the Scott Polar  
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Established over 70  
years ago, we support  
the research and  
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Scott Polar Research  
Institute (SPRI). We are  
proud of our vibrant  
membership and worldwide community, and  
care passionately about the Arctic and Antarctic.





## What is the Scott Polar Research Institute?

The Institute was founded in 1920 as a memorial to Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his four companions who died on their return journey from the South Pole in 1912.

As part of the University of Cambridge, the Institute is home to exceptional polar heritage collections. Many of the stunning objects, photographs and archive materials are displayed in the Polar Museum, and visitors travel from all over the world to use the Institute's library, the World's premier polar information centre.

The Institute is a world leading centre for the study of the Arctic and Antarctic

**Inspire** future generations with dramatic tales of polar exploration, past and present



**Discover** the stories of the world's coldest, driest and windiest places



**Understand** the polar regions through cutting edge research and collections



**Protect** and conserve our polar heritage



# Make a difference. Join us today.



## Inspire

Treasures in the Polar Museum include many of Captain Scott's last letters, artefacts from the search for Sir John Franklin in the Arctic, and a very well-travelled telescope that has been both to Antarctica and into space. Over 50,000 visitors a year enjoy exhibitions and events at the Museum, which is open year round and free to visit.

Friends support helps towards acquisitions and care of collections



## Discover

The Institute's library is open to anyone who wants to use its outstanding collection of over 100,000 books, maps and pamphlets. The library, which incorporates the Shackleton Memorial Library, includes rare collections of material and is dedicated to making information globally available through the internet.





## Understand

The Institute has several research groups investigating a range of globally important issues within the Arctic and Antarctic on both land and sea. Studies range from the links between glacier and ice-sheet shrinkage and global sea-level rise, to the impact of climate change on the reindeer herding peoples of the Siberian Arctic. We are also training the next generation of polar researchers.

With the support of its Friends, the Institute undertakes cutting edge polar research



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## Protect

The Institute's archive holds the world's largest and finest collection of polar material relating to British exploration in the Arctic and Antarctic regions. Treasures include Shackleton's Antarctic diaries.

Alongside the archive, the Picture library houses over 80,000 photographs including stunning images taken from the very early days of exploration.

Thanks to outstanding support, including that from the Friends, the Institute has been able to purchase over 100 negatives of Captain Scott's own photographs which had been believed lost.

# Member benefits

Our members enjoy a wealth of benefits, including:

- A varied annual programme of exciting polar events.
- Twice yearly **Polar Bytes** magazine.
- **E-newsletters** with the latest news.
- A copy of the **SPRI Annual Review** providing information about the work of the Institute.
- **Members only events** including behind the scenes tours and the opportunity to meet our researchers, students and collections teams.

And most importantly...

- **Supporting the pioneering work of the Scott Polar Research Institute** – your money will go towards helping research, exhibitions, acquisitions, scholarships and other vital work.

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# Your polar journey begins here

## Did you know...



The Friends have provided much needed support for purchasing and conserving a number of items in the Institute's exceptional historic collection.



Our Friends Artist in Residence programme uniquely sends contemporary artists to both the Arctic and the Antarctic.

## Join us today.

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