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## Pictures worth a thousand words

*Developing a digital image bank at the Pitt Rivers Museum*

The Museum is delighted to announce the award of £91,410 from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to develop a digital image bank at the Museum.

The funding will be used to devise a methodology for adding images to the on-line collections records, and a management system for those images; to scan and digitise the Museum's non-digitised images and to deposit them in the digital 'image bank'; and to add to the 'bank' existing digital images.

Michael O'Hanlon, the Museum's Director said: "This generous award will go a long way towards allowing us to make photographs of the collections available on our website, alongside our rich written collections records. With collections coming from so many parts of the world, we have a special responsibility for making images of them globally available. We are exceptionally grateful to the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation for funding this vital project, whose outcomes we also hope will be of model value to other museums".

The project will commence in spring 2011.



Three models of the deity Jagannath (shown on the left) with his sister Subhadra (centre) and brother Balabhadra (right).  
*Puri, Orissa, India. 1894.28.1-3*

### Notes for editors:

The Pitt Rivers Museum is one of Oxford's most popular attractions, famous for its period atmosphere and outstanding collections from many cultures around the world, past and present.

**Admission, exhibitions and events FREE.** Access via the Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW.

**Opening Hours:** 10.00-16.30 Tuesday - Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday; 12.00-16.30 Monday. Press contact:

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