

BSR

BRITISH SCHOOL
AT ROME

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR THE CHAIR OF THE FACULTY OF THE FINE ARTS

Applications are invited from those interested in being considered for election as the Chair of the BSR's Faculty of the Fine Arts (FFA).

For further information upon the criteria for election and on how to apply, please see <https://bsr.ac.uk/about-us-governance/>.

The closing date for applications is 5.00 p.m. (BST) on **Monday 6 June 2022**.

The Chair of the FFA should be either a practitioner or have appropriate interests and standing in the arts, as writer, curator or other position in the museum and galleries sector. The Chair should have extensive experience in advisory and administrative roles, and a familiarity with the contemporary challenges their disciplines are experiencing. The term of office is normally for five years and the Chair is expected to be in a position to have the time to contribute to the responsibilities of all Faculty members, as well as those arising from the Chair's *ex officio* membership of the Council (which meets at least three times a year, with one of the meetings normally in Rome) and as a Trustee of the BSR (the duties and responsibilities of Council members can be seen here (<https://bsr.ac.uk/about-us-governance/>)). Past membership of the FFA or experience as an award-holder would be desirable but not a necessity.

Members of FFA represent the key aspects of the Faculty's activities in contemporary art practices. Members are either practitioners or have appropriate interests and standing in the arts, such as writers, curations and personnel from the museum and galleries sectors. The members have significant experience in their field and particularly in relationship to contemporary practices and an active engagement with the issues and contexts that artists are working within and addressing. Experience of how the arts function across interdisciplinary fields is of value because of the research orientated nature of the BSR and its community, which is by definition cross disciplinary. The term of office is normally for five years. Faculty members are expected to be in a position to have the time to contribute to the responsibilities described below.

Duties and responsibilities

The membership's primary duties are to:

- select the recipients of BSR awards within the remit of the FFA;

- provide a forum for advice to, and a possible consulting source for, both the Council in the formulation of policy and the Director of the BSR in carrying it out;
- provide a representative academic and artistic forum to help validate and promote the work of the BSR;
- provide critical appraisal of the awards in terms of their present and future status;
- consider the Director's proposals for BSR Research Fellows; and
- undertake such other advisory functions as may be specified by the Council from time to time.

Members of the FFA (including the Chair) are expected to:

- attend at least two meetings per year (normally in March and November) on a date and place to be appointed by the Chair, in person, by video/teleconference or both. The meeting in November will be jointly held between the Faculty of Archaeology, History and Letters and the FFA;
- serve on the selection and interview panels for award-holders in the activities represented by the FFA (*the Chair will normally serve on two or three panels each year, each involving 1 to 1.5 days*);
- engage in discussions to develop the work of the FFA and the BSR through committees and projects;
- mentor award-holders as set out in the Faculties Mentorship Scheme (as amended from time to time);
- make a FFA visit to the BSR in Rome at least once during their term of office. This will be a duration of approximately three night to conduct studio visits with award-holders, give a talks and/or organise visits in Rome. The costs of travel, board and lodging at the BSR will be covered; and
- promote the work and activities of the FFA and the BSR both within their own institutions or organisations and to the wider public.

Call for applications 2022

The BSR is looking to elect a Chair of the FFA, as well as up to nine new members.

The term of the current interim Chair (Professor Mick Finch) comes to an end summer 2022; and it is anticipated that the new Chair will take up office on 1 September 2022.

Details of the current membership of the Faculty can be found at

<https://bsr.ac.uk/about-us-governance/>

The BSR is committed to equal opportunities and values diversity. We particularly welcome applications from people who identify as Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), or with other protected characteristics, who are currently under-represented on the BSR's committees. The BSR's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy can be found here: https://bsr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BSR-Equality-Diversity-and-Inclusion-Policy_.pdf.

Selection process

The candidates will be offered for election by the current members of the Faculty, past members of the Faculty who have completed their term of office within the previous three years, current members

of the Council and senior members of the BSR staff (Director, Archaeology Manager, Archivist, Assistant Director for Archaeology, Head of Research Collections, Registrar and Visual Art Residency & Programme Curator).

The election will be conducted electronically by the Registrar, using a preferential voting system.

In the event of any dispute with regard to the election, the matter shall be resolved by the decision of the Chair of the Council.

How to apply

Applicants should complete an application form and submit it, together with a *curriculum vitae*, as pdf or Word documents to the Registrar, at bsr@britac.ac.uk

The two nominators arranged by the applicant should also be asked to confirm their nominations by e-mail to bsr@britac.ac.uk

Please also complete and return the separate monitoring form.

Deadline for submission of application: 5.00 p.m. (BST) on Monday 6 June 2022.