

**BALSDON FELLOWSHIP**  
**HUGH LAST FELLOWSHIP**  
**2023–4**

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THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME is a centre of interdisciplinary research excellence in the Mediterranean supporting the full range of arts, humanities and social sciences. We create an environment for work of international standing and impact from Britain and the Commonwealth, and a bridge into the intellectual and cultural heart of Rome and Italy

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The **Balsdon Fellowship** is offered for research on any aspect of the social, religious, political and economic cultures of the Italian peninsula, and their wider textual, visual and material dissemination and reception from early prehistory to the modern period

The **Hugh Last Fellowship** is offered for research on classical antiquity (excluding archaeological fieldwork and work on Roman Britain)

The Balsdon and Hugh Last Fellowships offer board and lodging at the BSR for three months (between late September 2023 and June 2024)

These Fellowships are open to established scholars, normally in post in a UK university.\* In addition to pursuing personal research, the Fellows are expected to take an interest in the work of other award-holders at the BSR, particularly those in fields close to their own. They will be requested to contribute to the BSR's programme during their term of residence with a lecture, workshop, visit or other appropriate event.

The BSR acknowledges the contribution of BEIS, through the British Academy, towards its awards schemes.

Applications must be submitted through our grant management platform:  
<https://bsrome.slideroom.com>

**Closing date for applications: Tuesday 13 December 2022**

## General conditions for the Balsdon and Hugh Last Fellowships

1. These Fellowships are open to established scholars, normally in post in a UK university\*.
2. Applicants must be British or Commonwealth citizens; or must have studied at postgraduate level in a Higher Education Institution in the UK, having completed by October 2022 not less than four years of residence in the UK; or must hold a post in a Higher Education Institution\* in the UK. Proof of nationality and/or residency may be required. Preference may be given to applicants working at or attached to a university in the UK.
3. Applications must be submitted online, completing the appropriate application forms.
4. Residencies will be tenable between late September 2023 and June 2024.
5. The BSR is committed to offering opportunities to the widest possible range of projects and people.
6. Normally two successive awards for the same project will not be considered.
7. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are expected to abide by the BSR's Code of Conduct (<https://bsr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BSR-Code-of-Conduct-1.pdf>) and any other policies and codes in place at the time of appointment and tenure.
8. Fellows are required to live at the BSR.
9. Family members may be accommodated for limited periods by prior agreement, but must pay for their board and lodging at the BSR's prevailing rates.
10. Successful applicants will be required to take out medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.
11. Fellows are required to submit a report on their research within two months of the end of their award, and are requested to keep the BSR informed of future progress.
12. Fellows are expected to give *Papers of the British School at Rome* first refusal on any papers arising from the research undertaken at the BSR. *PBSR* is an open access (green) periodical published by Cambridge University Press. Publication with gold open access can be arranged on payment of an author processing charge.
13. Fellows are asked to donate a copy of any publications arising from their research whilst holding a BSR award to the BSR's Library.

The BSR reserves the right to alter any aspect of the Fellowships.

Applicants with caring responsibilities and additional needs are encouraged to get in touch to discuss these with us directly.

## Selection criteria

In making an appointment to an award the Faculty of Archaeology, History and Letters will assess all applications using the following set of criteria:

1. The inherent academic significance and interest of the project proposed, and the feasibility of completion to the timetable stated.
2. The suitability of the project for the BSR, bearing in mind its location, resources and access to resources.
3. The academic merit of the applicant judged by his/her previous record and references, including her/his prospects of making a future contribution to scholarship.
4. The suitability of the candidate to contribute to the academic community of the BSR and the need to ensure a reasonable balance between different disciplines and chronological periods within the BSR's academic community.
5. The role of the Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards in promoting Italian studies in Britain and the Commonwealth.

The Faculty's decisions are final. Feedback cannot be given on unsuccessful applications.

## Equality, diversity and inclusion policy

The BSR recognises the value of diversity in all its forms at all levels of the organisation, including at Council level and in its Faculties. Understanding and valuing diversity can result in greater participation and perspectives, including diversity of thought, that can lead to benefits and success at an individual, team, organisational and wider societal level. It also strengthens cultural relations and supports trust between people in different countries. The BSR is committed to respect and fair treatment for everyone, eliminating discrimination and actively promoting equality of opportunity and delivering fairness to all. The BSR seeks to be a place where all are welcome regardless of their identity or background, and where all can thrive in an inclusive environment that values and celebrates diversity. The BSR wishes to attract people from a broad range of backgrounds, demographics and cultures, and is committed to promoting equality of opportunity, good relations and respect for diversity among all full and part time Staff and other Relevant Persons and eliminating unlawful discrimination in its work environment. The BSR's equality, diversity and inclusion policy can be found on our website ([https://bsr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BSR-Equality-Diversity-and-Inclusion-Policy\\_.pdf](https://bsr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/BSR-Equality-Diversity-and-Inclusion-Policy_.pdf)).

## Access statement

It is the policy of the British School at Rome to offer full or equivalent access to all users. The BSR aims to support full participation by residents in all aspects of its academic and social life. The BSR is a small institution but will make available its resources, staff and equipment to address the needs of staff, award-holders or visitors with disabilities wherever it can.

*Applicants who would require reasonable adjustments are requested to contact the Registrar ([g.clark@bsrome.it](mailto:g.clark@bsrome.it); [bsr@britac.ac.uk](mailto:bsr@britac.ac.uk)) before submitting their application to discuss requirements.*

## Privacy Policy

The BSR is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and adheres to the General Data Protection Registration principles. The BSR's Privacy Policy can be viewed at <https://bsr.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BSR-Privacy-policy-general-Dec-2019.pdf>. Applicants should be aware that information that they provide will be stored in electronic form. It will be provided to those who assess applications and to staff of the BSR, and will be used to compile published lists of award-holders.

For more information on the BSR: <https://bsr.ac.uk>

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\* A UK Higher Education Institution/University is a recognised body for a higher learning institution as defined by the UK government (<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>).