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AT ROME

APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR MEMBERSHIP

OF THE

FACULTY OF ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY AND LETTERS

Applications are invited from those interested in being considered for election as a member of the BSR's Faculty of Archaeology, History and Letters (FAHL). We are looking to increase the diversity of the Faculty and the subject areas that members represent. We are interested in applications from colleagues working in any area relating to the archaeology, history and literature of Italy of any period, but are particularly seeking new members with expertise in medieval art history and in modern Italian studies. Up to three new members are being sought.

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 11:59 p.m. (BST) on **Wednesday 10 May 2023**.

Members of the FAHL mirror the BSR's commitment to the study of the art, history and culture of the western Mediterranean from prehistory to contemporary Italian studies. In addition, Faculty members comprise scholars active in Italian studies from as wide a range of UK institutions of Higher Education as possible. The Faculty also aims to have at least one member, as appropriate and feasible, from an Italian university. Members have a strong scholarly reputation in their own fields, and significant experience in academic assessment and an interest in promoting the work of early career researchers. Experience of how academic research functions across interdisciplinary fields is of value because of the research-oriented nature of the BSR and its community, which includes practitioners in architecture and contemporary art practices, and is thus by definition cross-disciplinary. They should have some 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 will be extended only in exceptional circumstances. 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 FAHL;

- 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 an academic forum to help validate and promote the work of the BSR;
- advise the Council and the Director on publication policy, the publications programme and the validation of the academic publications of the BSR;
- recommend to the Council for consideration the FAHL's nominations for the posts of the Editor of *PBSR*, the Chair of Publications and the Chair of Archaeology;
- 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 FAHL 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. These meetings are usually virtual, although may occasionally be hybrid. The meeting in November will be jointly held between the FAHL, the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of the Fine Arts;
- participate in the annual selection process at the March meeting of the award-holders, which involves during the period from December to February providing expert assessments of those applications most closely related to each Faculty member's expertise, as well as the overall scoring of all the applications in the light of the entire set of expert assessments (which also includes a second expert assessment provided by the Director and relevant members of the BSR staff);
- engage in discussions to develop the work of the FAHL and the BSR through committees and projects;
- make a FAHL visit to the BSR in Rome once during their term of office. This will be two–three nights in order to talk to award-holders about their work, give a talk and/or organise a visit to a site in Rome or its environs. The costs of travel, board and lodging at the BSR will be covered; and
- promote the work and activities of the FAHL and the BSR both within their own institutions or organisations and to the wider public.

Call for applications 2023

In order to cover the range of subjects and periods that are reflected in applications for our awards, applications are particularly encouraged from those with expertise in medieval art history and in modern Italian studies, although those working in other areas that are not currently represented in the Faculty are also welcome to apply. The BSR is committed to equal opportunities and values diversity. We particularly welcome applications from people from ethnic minority groups, or with other protected characteristics, who are currently under-represented on the BSR's committees. Up to three new members are being sought.

The Chair of Publications will come to the end of her term of office at the end of December 2023; and one of the Co-Editors of *Papers of the British School at Rome* will step down in 2024. Applicants with an interest in being considered for these roles are welcome to apply, and to indicate their interest in these opportunities.

Through its membership, the Faculty aim to include representatives from across the UK. It is currently envisaged that those Faculty members whose terms of office will continue in 2023–4 will be from the

universities of Cambridge, Cardiff, Leicester, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sheffield, St Andrews, Sussex and Warwick, and the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa.

Details of the current membership of the Faculty can be found at <https://bsr.ac.uk/about-us-governance/>

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 Chair of the Faculty and the BSR's Director will be responsible for checking that candidates have the experience and qualifications for the vacancies, and for producing a shortlist of applicants, taking into account the priorities set out above. The shortlisted candidates will be offered for election by the current members of the Faculty and relevant members of the BSR staff (Director, Archaeology Manager, Head of Research Collections and Registrar) and the Cary Fellow.

The election will use 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 and the Faculty.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted through the BSR's application management platform: <https://bsrome.slideroom.com>

Within your application, you should indicate two people who have agreed to provide a brief statement of support. They should submit their statements through the platform by the closing date for applications.

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