

THE AMPERSAND FELLOWSHIP

2023-24

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME is pleased to announce this exciting opportunity for an exceptional, ambitious, and creative visual artist working in any media, at any career stage, to spend three months (April-June 2024) in Rome.

We particularly welcome applications from candidates from groups currently underrepresented at the BSR (including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian, and other minority ethnic backgrounds).

The fellowship offers:

- a grant of £1,500 per month
- a grant of £500 towards visa and travel costs
- board and accommodation in a residential studio at the BSR
- opportunities to participate in open studios
- full staff support, including with access to Italian collections and archives
- Weekly Italian language lessons on site
- 24/7 access to the BSR library
- Regular site visits, workshops, seminars, public events programme

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be of British or Commonwealth nationality or have been working professionally (after having graduated) or studying at the postgraduate level for at least the last three years in the UK or Commonwealth (i.e., since November 2020).

Closing date for applications: **Friday 17 November 2023**

Please submit applications through our grant management platform:

<https://bsrome.slideroom.com>

Selection for this Fellowship is by members of the Faculty of the Fine Arts of the BSR, together with a representative of the Ampersand Foundation.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME is the largest British centre of interdisciplinary research excellence based in the European Union, supporting the full range of arts, humanities, and social sciences. We are the bridge between the intellectual and cultural heart of Rome and Italy, and creative and academic researchers from Britain and the Commonwealth. We welcome people from a wide range of backgrounds to a stimulating, nurturing environment of interdisciplinary research and practice where work of the very highest quality is generated and facilitated in a transformative intellectual context.

FINE ARTS RESIDENCIES AT THE BSR offer artists access to Rome and Italy as an exceptional repertory of the visual culture of the past, and encourage informed and innovative responses to that cultural heritage. They offer the superb opportunity to research and focus upon work away from normal pressures, and to use the BSR as a base to explore Rome and Italy. The regular programme of events enables award-holders to meet and interact with others in their own and other disciplines, both from the BSR and the unique cluster of foreign academies in Rome. A programme of exhibitions gives all artists the opportunity to show their work. A wide range of awards is open to fine artists at every career stage, from immediate graduate on. Alumni of the BSR fine arts residencies have included some of the most critically esteemed artists of recent generations: examples include Gillian Ayres, Cerith Wyn Evans, Chantal Joffe, Julian Opie, Cornelia Parker, Eddie Peake, Laure Prouvost, Bob and Roberta Smith, Barbara Walker, Mark Wallinger and Alison Wilding.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. the quality of the applicant's creative output and the appropriateness of their qualifications;
2. the extent to which the applicant's proposal reflects the purpose of the award;
3. the viability of the proposal as a project to be carried out with support from the BSR.

In addition, the selectors will consider the potential for the award to support the applicant's creative development and will attempt to ensure that the needs and interests of the successful applicant are compatible with the facilities available at the BSR and the interests of its community. Applications from those who have held a residency at the BSR in the previous two years will not normally be considered.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

- Fellows normally live at the BSR during their tenure.
- Family members can normally be accommodated for limited periods by prior agreement; their board and lodging will be charged at the BSR's prevailing rates. Applicants with caring responsibilities and additional needs are invited to discuss these with us directly.
- We ask that our award holders take out medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION: 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. [Read our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.](#)

ACCESS: It is the policy of the BSR to offer full or equivalent access to all users. Applicants with special needs are requested to contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss requirements.

PRIVACY: The BSR is committed to protecting your privacy. [Read our privacy policy.](#)

*The BSR reserves the right to alter any aspect of the residencies and competitions.
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