

SAINSBURY SCHOLARSHIP 2024–5

THE SAINSBURY SCHOLARSHIP is an exciting opportunity for an exceptional early-career artist (with under ten years of professional experience), working with any media, to spend six months in Rome. This opportunity is reserved for candidates from groups currently underrepresented at the BSR (including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian, and other minority ethnic backgrounds).

The Scholarship offers:

- a grant of £1,500 per month
- a travel grant of £500
- a grant of £400 to assist with visa and transport of work costs
- board and accommodation in a residential studio at the BSR
- opportunities to collaborate with local artists and groups
- duration: 6 months (late September 2024–March 2025).

Applicants must be:

- of British nationality, or have been working professionally (after having graduated) or studying at postgraduate level for at least the last three years in the UK (since December 2020).
- from groups currently underrepresented at the BSR (including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian, and other minority ethnic backgrounds).

Applications must be submitted on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by Monday 11 December 2023.

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 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. **The current Sainsbury Scholar is Aaron Ford.**

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. the quality of the applicant's creative output;
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 to these three basic selection criteria, the selectors will take into consideration the potential for the award to impact on 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. Credit will be given to those who are no longer in full- or part-time education at the time of application. Candidates will be expected to have some knowledge of Italian or be willing to learn. Those who acknowledge the importance of communicating with Italians will derive the most benefit from being at the BSR.

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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