



## Call for Applications 2025-26 Balsdon and Hugh Last Fellowships

Closing date: 2 December 2024  
(apply on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com>)

These fellowships are open to established scholars in post in a UK university. In addition to pursuing their own 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, and to contribute to the BSR's programme during their term of residence with a lecture, workshop, or other appropriate event.

We would 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 **Balsdon Fellowship** is 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 for research on classical antiquity (excluding archaeological fieldwork and work on Roman Britain).

### THE FELLOWSHIPS OFFER

- board and lodging at the BSR for a three-month period between late September 2025 and June 2026
- full staff support, including with access to special collections, libraries, museums, and archaeological/art historical sites not normally open to the public
- Italian language lessons on site
- 24/7 access to the BSR library
- Opportunities to participate in site visits, workshops, seminars, and our public events programme

### ELIGIBILITY

- Only one application is required; eligible applicants will be considered for both fellowships.
- Applicants may be of any nationality, but must be established scholars in post at a UK university.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Residencies will be tenable between late September 2025 and late June 2026.
2. Fellows are normally expected to live at the BSR.
3. Family members can normally be accommodated for limited periods; their board and lodging

will be charged at the BSR's prevailing rates.

4. Applicants with caring responsibilities should contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, [programmes.manager@bsrome.it](mailto:programmes.manager@bsrome.it)) to discuss these directly.
5. Fellows must take out appropriate medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Our recruitment processes this year will be name blind.
- Normally two successive awards for the same project will not be considered.

Applications will be assessed using the following 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 the UK and the Commonwealth.

**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](mailto: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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