



CREATIVE WALES–BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME FELLOWSHIP 2025-2026

Closing date for applications: **31 December 2024**

The CREATIVE WALES–BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME FELLOWSHIP is a valuable opportunity for an artist at a significant juncture in their career (usually at early- to mid-career stage), who lives in Wales, to undertake a three-month residency in Rome. Applicants should be exceptional, ambitious and imaginative creative individuals whose practice is studio-based, working across any media, including digital and film, performance and all fine arts practices.

The Fellowship offers:

- a stipend of £1,500 per month
- a travel grant of £500
- board and accommodation in a purpose-designed residential studio
- full staff support, including help with access to sites, collections and resources in Rome and Italy from our Research Support Officer, and support with studio visits, site visits, exhibitions and networking from our Fine Arts Programme Curator
- Weekly Italian language lessons on site
- 24/7 access to the BSR Library
- opportunities to participate in open studios and to collaborate with local artists and groups

Applicants must be:

- resident and actively working in Wales.
- at a significant juncture in their careers (usually early- to mid-career).
- studio-based artists working across any media
- willing to bring their BSR experience back to enrich the visual arts in Wales.

Applications must be submitted on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 31 December 2024.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME supports 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.

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. 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). [Read our Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.](#)

ACCESS: It is the policy of the BSR to offer full or equivalent access to all users. If you require access support, please contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it).

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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