

2025-26 GILES WORSLEY ROME FELLOWSHIP

Closing date for applications: 2 December 2024

This fellowship is in memory of Giles Worsley, the distinguished architectural historian and critic, who died in 2006 at the age of 44. He was an enthusiastic visitor to Italy and a great believer in the importance of Italian architecture of all periods in understanding the development of Western architecture.

THE GILES WORSLEY ROME FELLOWSHIP is a research award given for the study of architectural history. It is open to architectural historians and architects in an early and/or transformative stage of their careers, whose research in the field of architectural or urban history would benefit from the opportunity to spend three months at the British School at Rome experiencing the reality of buildings and spaces in and around Rome related to their subject of study.

The research carried out at the BSR may be part of a wider project, but it should be presented at the end of the fellowship as a discrete piece of work. The Giles Worsley Fellow will have access to the extensive collections of the BSR Library and Archive and will join our community of artists and scholars, contributing to and benefitting from the intellectual and social exchange that is a fundamental part of life at the BSR.

We would particularly welcome applications from those whose backgrounds are underrepresented at the BSR (including, but not limited to, people from Black, Asian, and other minoritized ethnic backgrounds).

The fellowship offers:

- board and accommodation in a study-bedroom for three months (September-December 2025)
- a monthly research grant of £800
- full staff support, including with access to special collections, libraries, museums, and 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

Applicants must be:

- UK or Commonwealth nationals, OR have worked and studied in the UK for at least three years at the time of application.

How to apply:

Submit your application on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 2 December 2024.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. the quality of the applicant's creative and/or academic output (judged on the application and references)
2. the inherent significance and interest of the project proposed
3. the feasibility of the project being undertaken in three months, and being an end in itself, rather than a means to an end
4. the potential for the fellowship to impact on the applicant's professional development and on her/his contribution to architecture and/or architectural history
5. the suitability of the project for the BSR, bearing in mind its location, resources and access to resources
6. the suitability of the applicant to contribute to the academic community of the BSR

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Applications must be submitted on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com>
2. Fellows normally live at the BSR.
3. Family members can normally be accommodated for limited periods by prior agreement but will be asked to pay for their board and lodging at the BSR's prevailing rates. Applicants with caring responsibilities and additional needs should contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss these directly.
4. Fellows must 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.](#)

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