

**THE REBECCA SCOTT ROME RESIDENCY
FOR ARTISTS BASED IN NORTH WEST ENGLAND
2025-2026**

***Applications due on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 31
December 2024 (total word count: maximum 1190)**

THE REBECCA SCOTT ROME RESIDENCY is an exciting opportunity for a studio-based artist living and working in North West England to spend three months at the British School at Rome (early January to late March 2026).

The residency allows artists to focus on their practice, free from everyday pressures and distractions, with accommodation, meals and the support of BSR staff all provided. Artists live and work within the BSR's vibrant international research community, against the backdrop of the splendid, eternally fascinating capital city of Rome.

The residency 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:

- studio-based artists
- resident in North West England (Cumbria, Cheshire, Liverpool City Region, Greater Manchester, or Lancashire)
- at least two years out of art school/university education (whether BA, MA/MFA, or PhD) or equivalent.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME has been nurturing world-class artists and researchers for over 100 years. We are the bridge between the intellectual and cultural heart of Rome and Italy, and creative and academic researchers from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth. We welcome people from a wide range of backgrounds to a stimulating 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. Alumni have included some of the most critically esteemed artists of recent generations: 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

- Artists 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 should contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss these 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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