



BRITISH SCHOOL
AT ROME

Call for Applications 2025-26 Rome Awards (three months)

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

Rome Awards at the BSR are intended for early career researchers working 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.

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).

ROME AWARDS OFFER

- board and lodging at the BSR for 3 months
- a monthly research grant of £800
- 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 attend site visits, workshops, seminars, and our public events programme

ELIGIBILITY

There are three types of three-month Rome awards, each with slightly different eligibility. **N.B. Only one application is required; you will be considered for all three-month awards for which you meet the eligibility criteria.**

The Raleigh Redford Rome Award:

- Open to postgraduate scholars who have begun a programme of research in the general field for which the award is being sought, *whether or not registered for a higher degree.*
- Applicants must be UK or Commonwealth nationals OR must be studying or have studied at postgraduate level in a UK university, having completed by the submission date no less than three years of residence in the UK.

The Rome Award:

- Open to postdoctoral scholars, normally within three years of the award of their doctorate at the closing date for applications. Other research fellowships or teaching posts will not be considered a valid reason for not meeting this criterion. However, interruptions for example, maternity leave, family commitments, or illness, will be considered sympathetically.
- Applicants must be UK or Commonwealth nationals OR must have been awarded their doctorate by a UK university.

The Shortland-Jones Rome Award

- Open to postdoctoral scholars, normally within three years of the award of their doctorate at the closing date for applications, working on archaeological and historical topics before AD 600.
- Applicants must be UK, Commonwealth, or Maltese nationals.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Awardees are normally expected to live at the BSR.
2. 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.
3. Applicants with caring responsibilities and additional needs should contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss these directly.
4. Awardees must take out medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.
5. Applicants in receipt of an AHRC or equivalent award may receive the title of BSR award-holder; they do not normally receive a stipend and will normally be charged for room and board. The BSR will consider financial support only if such candidates are able to demonstrate that they have exhausted other funding options. The BSR benefit must be declared to the other funding body.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Our recruitment processes this year will be name blind.
- Applications seeking solely to revise a thesis for publication, without undertaking additional research in Rome, are unlikely to be successful.
- Normally two successive awards for the same project will not be considered.

All 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) 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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