



## Call for Applications:

### 2025-2026 SIMON KEAY AWARD IN MEDITERRANEAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Closing date: Apply at <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 2 December 2024  
Letters of recommendation are due by 9 December 2024.

This award, established in 2021 in memory of Professor Simon Keay, is for research on any aspect of Roman archaeology in the Mediterranean. Applications are welcomed in research areas similar to (but not limited by) those of Professor Keay, including trade, ports, Portus, and ceramic studies.

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 award takes **one** of the following formats:

- Free board and lodging at the BSR for three months, with a monthly research and travel grant of £800.

OR

- Free board and lodging at the BSR for one month, and two months of fieldwork (to be undertaken within a year of the award being made), with a monthly research and travel grant of £800. *Fieldwork may include any form of practical work relating to archaeological research not feasible to do from a base in Rome, such as (but not restricted to) the study of material at sites, non-invasive surveys, consultation of archives, and consultation of museum collections.*

#### ELIGIBILITY

- This award is not restricted by nationality, residency, or educational affiliation.
- The award is open to early career researchers, whether at the postgraduate or postdoctoral level.
- Postgraduate applicants normally will have begun a programme of research in the general field of the Roman archaeology of the Mediterranean, whether or not registered for a higher degree.
- Postdoctoral applicants normally will be within three years of the award of their doctorate.
- Those who have applied for a BSR Rome Award or Fellowship tenable in 2025-26 may also apply for the Simon Keay Award, but must submit a separate application.

#### GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. All applicants must have at least a first degree at the time of application.
2. The residency period at the BSR will be in the academic year (late September 2025–June 2026).

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.
4. It is the responsibility of the awardee to obtain, if required, an appropriate visa and/or rights to live in Italy for the award duration.
5. The awardee must take out medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. The academic merit of the applicant judged by their previous record and references, including their prospects of making a future contribution to scholarship.
2. The suitability of the project in line with the research interests, broadly speaking, of Professor Simon Keay.
3. The inherent academic significance and interest of the project proposed, and the feasibility of completion to the timetable stated.

**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.](#)

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