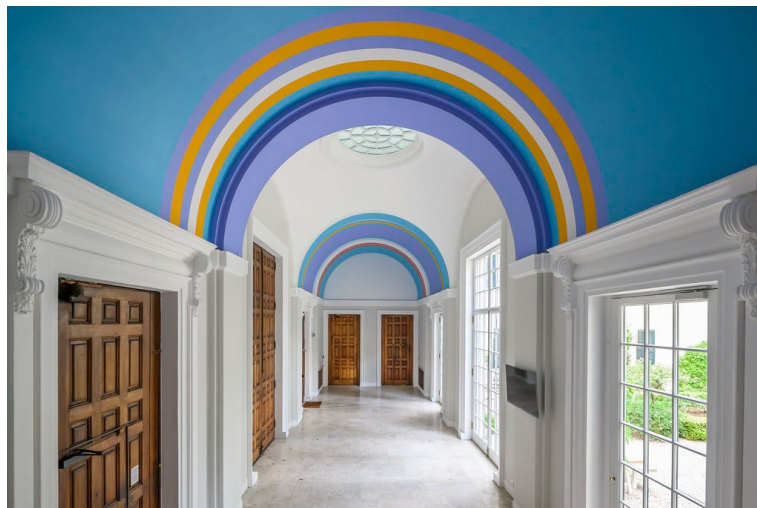


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Call for Applications: THE BRIDGET RILEY FELLOWSHIP FOR DRAWING, PAINTING AND SCULPTURE 2025–2026



'Verve', the ceiling painting by Bridget Riley unveiled at the BSR in 2023
(photo by Antonio Masiello/Getty Images)

Closing date for applications: 15 January 2024
Apply on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com>

The BSR is delighted to collaborate with the Bridget Riley Art Foundation to offer this exciting opportunity for an exceptional early- to mid-career artist working within the disciplines of painting, drawing and/or sculpture to spend six months at the British School in Rome (September 2025 to March 2026).

The fellowship offers:

- board and accommodation in a purpose-designed residential studio at the BSR
- a grant of £1,500 per month.
- a grant of £500 towards visa expenses and/or shipment of work at the end of the residency
- full staff support, including with access to collections and archives
- Italian language lessons on site
- 24/7 access to the BSR library
- Regular site visits, workshops, seminars, public events programme
- opportunities to collaborate with local artists and groups
- opportunities to participate in open studios

Applicants must be: of UK or Commonwealth nationality, or have been working or studying in the UK for at least three years by the application deadline.

THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME is a centre of interdisciplinary research excellence supporting the full range of arts, humanities, and social sciences. 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.

BRIDGET RILEY FELLOWSHIPS AT THE BSR, established in 2016, 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. Alumni of the fellowship programme to date are: Sinta Tantra (2017); Oona Grimes (2018); Phoebe Boswell (2019); Barbara Walker (2020 and 2022); Milly Peck (2021); Laura Smithson (2022); Catriona Gallagher (2023); Kerstin Kartscher (2024), and Cathie Pilkington (2025).

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, which, in this case, is the study and practice of drawing, painting and sculpture.
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

- 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 are invited to contact the Programmes Manager (Courtney Quaintance, programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss these directly.
- 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. We therefore particularly encourage applications from candidates likely to be underrepresented at the BSR. These include people from Black, Asian and other minority ethnic backgrounds and people with disabilities. [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 who need access support are invited to contact the Programmes Manager (programmes.manager@bsrome.it) to discuss specific requirements.

PRIVACY: The BSR is committed to protecting your privacy. [Read our privacy policy](#)