



## THE DEREK HILL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2025-2026

**Closing date for applications: 31 January 2025**

*Derek Hill had a love of Italy and was Adviser to the practising artists at the BSR in 1953-54 and 1957-58. The Derek Hill Foundation Scholarship was founded in his memory.*

The Derek Hill Foundation Scholarship is an exceptional opportunity for an artist based in the UK or the Republic of Ireland whose practice centres on painting and/or drawing to spend two months in a purpose-designed residential studio at the British School in Rome (late January-late March 2026).

### **The fellowship offers:**

- Board and accommodation in a residential studio at the BSR for two months
- A monthly stipend of £1500 for two months
- A travel grant of £500
- Support provided by the BSR Visual Art Residency and Programme Curator
- Facilitated access to archives, sites, and museum collections not normally open to the public
- 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

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be resident in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland OR in the Republic of Ireland

Applications must be submitted on <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 31 January 2025.

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.

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. 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 include 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

- 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 and additional needs are invited to discuss these with us 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. [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 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.](#)

*The BSR reserves the right to alter any aspect of the residencies and competitions.  
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