

# BSR

BRITISH SCHOOL  
AT ROME

## ARTS COUNCIL OF WALES VISUAL ARTS ROME RESIDENCY 2026–2027

**Closing date: 3 June 2026**

The BSR is pleased to collaborate with Arts Council Wales on this exceptional residency for early- to mid-career artists based in Wales. This award offers a three-month stay in Rome (September–December 2026), providing time and space to develop new work, explore new directions, and engage with an international artistic and cultural context.

We welcome applications from studio-based artists working across all media—including fine art, performance, digital, film, and interdisciplinary practices—who are ambitious, imaginative, and interested in expanding their work through research, exchange, and new perspectives.

Award-holders benefit from the full resources of the BSR, including staff support, professional networks, and a supportive creative community.

### Residency Benefits

- **Stipend:** £1,500 per month
- **Travel Grant:** £500
- **Accommodation & Studio:** Board and lodging in a purpose-designed residential studio
- **Staff Support:** Assistance accessing sites, collections, and resources in Rome and Italy; guidance for studio visits, site visits, exhibitions, and networking
- **Language & Library Access:** Weekly Italian lessons and 24/7 access to the BSR Library
- **Networking & Collaboration:** Participate in Open Studios and collaborate with local artists and communities

### Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Be resident and actively working in Wales
- Be at an early to mid-career (transformative) stage of practice
- Have a studio-based practice in any medium
- Demonstrate a commitment to sharing and developing their practice in ways that enrich the visual arts in Wales

### Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated on:

1. **Quality of creative output**
2. **Alignment of project proposal with the Fellowship's purpose** – in this case, to enrich the visual arts in Wales
3. **Viability of the project with BSR support**

Additional considerations include:

- Potential impact on the artist's professional development
- Compatibility of applicant needs with BSR facilities and community

## **General Conditions**

- Fellows normally reside at the BSR during their tenure
- Fellows should arrange medical insurance for the duration of the residency
- We welcome family members for visits by prior arrangement

## **Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion**

We welcome applications from candidates of all backgrounds and are committed to supporting equity of access to this opportunity. We actively encourage applications from artists from under-represented communities, including across race, ethnicity, gender, and socio-economic background, as well as applicants who identify as D/deaf, disabled, or neurodivergent.

We are committed to removing barriers to participation and to ensuring that the residency is inclusive and accessible.

Read our [Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy](#)

## **Access**

The BSR is committed to providing access for all residents and to supporting applicants in making informed decisions about participation. A studio with disabled access is available.

We recognise that access needs vary and are committed to working with applicants to explore and implement reasonable adjustments where possible, both during the application process and throughout the residency.

If you have any questions about access or require support at any stage, please contact:  
**Courtney Quaintance – Programmes Manager ([programmes.manager@bsrome.it](mailto:programmes.manager@bsrome.it))**

## **Caring Responsibilities**

We recognise that caring responsibilities can present barriers to participation in residencies, and we are committed to supporting artists with caring responsibilities and to removing barriers wherever possible. We are open to discussing individual circumstances in detail and considering reasonable adjustments to support access and participation where feasible.

We warmly encourage applicants with caring responsibilities to contact us in advance of applying so we can discuss their needs in confidence and explore how the residency might be made accessible to them.

If you would like to discuss this in advance, please contact **Courtney Quaintance** ([programmes.manager@bsrome.it](mailto:programmes.manager@bsrome.it)).

## **Privacy**

The BSR is committed to protecting your personal information. Read our [Privacy Policy](#).

## **How to Apply**

Submit your application online at: <https://bsrome.slideroom.com> by 3 June 2026

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