

## **SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FELLOWSHIP 2019–20**

The British School at Rome (BSR) is offering a one-year post-doctoral Fellowship to carry forward the BSR's social science-based research agenda, to establish and/or develop relationships with relevant international organisations based in Rome, and to act as social science champion in developing new research opportunities previously unexplored by the BSR. The Fellow will be expected to identify and develop a project related to their own area of interest, and to contribute to the delivery of the BSR's Research Strategy.

The **FELLOWSHIP** offers:

- board and lodging at the BSR from 16 September 2019 to 31 July 2020
- a research and travel grant equivalent to £750/month

**Closing date for applications: noon (BST) on Thursday 9 May 2019**

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The BSR is a centre of interdisciplinary research excellence in the Mediterranean supporting the full range of arts, humanities and social sciences. We create an environment for work of international standing and impact from Britain and the Commonwealth, and a bridge into the intellectual and cultural heart of Rome and Italy.

Italy and Rome's historical ties and proximity to the Middle East and North Africa region, and the current problems posed to social cohesion and integration by mass migration, mean that there are

numerous policy areas requiring research and development. Many of the items of the Global Challenges agenda are on Italy's doorstep, but extend beyond the individual nation state to question the nature of EU collaboration and cooperation: border security, cyber security, human trafficking, cultural heritage protection, environmental impact and intelligence sharing. Rome stands at the heart of the UN's sustainable development agenda, as witnessed by the 2016 collaboration policy issued by the United Nations Rome-based agencies: the Food and Agriculture Organisation, International Fund for Agricultural Development and World Food Programme. The BSR is ideally placed to serve as a platform for UK-based researchers in the emerging field of development studies.

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## Eligibility

Applicants for this Fellowship normally must be within three years of the award of their doctorate at the closing date for applications (so awarded no earlier than May 2016). Applicants who were awarded their doctorate before this should note that progression through other research fellowships or assistantships and teaching posts will not be considered a valid reason for not meeting this criterion. However, someone whose career has been interrupted by, for example, maternity leave, family commitments or illness, will be considered sympathetically. Applicants must be British citizens or must have been awarded their doctorate by a UK university\*.

## General conditions

1. Proof of nationality and/or residency may be required.
2. Preference may be given to applicants attached to, registered at or working at a university in the UK or the Commonwealth.
3. Applications must be submitted on the appropriate application form.
4. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are expected to abide by the BSR's Research Ethics Policy (<http://www.bsr.ac.uk/site2014/wp-content/uploads/BSR-Research-Ethics-Policy-September-2014.pdf>).
5. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are required to live at the BSR.
6. Partners may be accommodated for strictly limited periods by prior agreement, but must pay for their board and lodging at the BSR's prevailing rates. Children cannot be accommodated.
7. Successful applicants are required to take out medical insurance for the duration of their tenure.
8. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are required to submit a report on their research within two months of the end of their award, and are requested to keep the BSR informed of future progress. Fellows and Scholars must also prepare a report during their residency.
9. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are expected to give *Papers of the British School at Rome* first refusal on any papers arising from the research undertaken at the BSR.
10. Fellows, Scholars and Awardees are asked to donate a copy of any publications arising from their research whilst holding a BSR award to the BSR's Library.

The BSR reserves the right to alter any aspect of the Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards.

## Selection criteria

In making an appointment to an award, applications will be assessed using the following set of criteria:

1. 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.
2. The inherent academic significance and interest of the project proposed, and the feasibility of completion to the timetable stated.
3. The suitability of the project for the BSR, bearing in mind its location, current research themes, resources and access to resources.

4. The suitability of the candidate to contribute to the academic community of the BSR and to develop new networks and opportunities.
5. The role of the Fellowships, Scholarships and Awards in promoting Italian studies in Britain and the Commonwealth.

The BSR's decisions are final. Feedback cannot be given on unsuccessful applications.

### Equal opportunities

The British School at Rome is committed to a policy of equal opportunities in its appointments and awards policy and in the way it offers access to all its facilities and services. The object of the policy is to ensure that no applicant or award-holder is treated more or less favourably than any other on grounds of (for example) race, colour, gender, religion, marital status, social background, disability, and age (except where the conditions of the awards specify otherwise).

### Access statement

It is the policy of the British School at Rome to offer full or equivalent access to all users. The BSR aims to support full participation by residents in all aspects of its academic and social life. The BSR is a small institution but will make available its resources, staff and equipment to address the needs of staff, award-holders or visitors with disabilities wherever it can.

*Applicants with special needs are requested to contact the Registrar before submitting their application to discuss requirements.*

### Privacy Policy

The BSR is registered with the Information Commissioner's Office and adheres to the General Data Protection Registration principles. The BSR's Privacy Policy can be viewed at <http://www.bsr.ac.uk/privacy-policy>. Applicants should be aware that information that they provide will be stored in electronic form. It will be provided to those who assess applications and to staff of the BSR, and will be used to compile published lists of award-holders.

For more information on the BSR: [www.bsr.ac.uk](http://www.bsr.ac.uk)

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\* A UK Higher Education Institution/University is a recognised body for a higher learning institution as defined by the UK government (<https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies>).