

Sydney Jewish Museum Research Fellowship 2022

The Sydney Jewish Museum (SJM) Research Fellowship encourages deep and focused research across any topic relevant to the Sydney Jewish Museum's exhibitions, collection or programming. This includes, but is not limited to the Holocaust, Human Rights, Jewish culture, Museum Studies, memorialisation, and Civics and Citizenship education. The fellowship's main goal is to bring knowledge of the Museum's work into scholarly and public arenas. Interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

As this Fellowship supports research into any area of the Museum's remit, applicants are encouraged to think imaginatively as to what aspects of the SJM's archival and educational resources could aid in their research endeavours. Projects proposed for the Fellowship need not be limited to traditional methodologies and new approaches to all aspects of the museums research foci are encouraged.

Fellows will be expected to:

- Be present at the Sydney Jewish Museum for 1-2 days a week, for a total of 3 consecutive months as chosen in 2022 (with a possibility for a 3-month extension should further access to the Museum be required);
- Publish a significant scholarly paper based on their research in the Museum's journal *Musings*;
- Give a public lecture at the SJM on the findings of their research;
- Contribute to SJM print and online publications where appropriate;
- Develop an education resource in collaboration with the SJM educators for use in SJM education programs (where applicable);
- Be able to promote their work in a variety of media outlets in collaboration with the SJM;
- Engage with, and make a presentation to, SJM staff and volunteers so the Museum will be able to benefit from their research;
- Ensure any publications, outcomes or media coverage which result from the fellowship acknowledge the support of the SJM;
- Submit to the SJM Librarian a summary of their completed project, copies of any research outcomes (presentations and publications) and a bibliography.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate a record of scholarly research and publication or be enrolled in a research degree. We encourage applications from professional academics, early career scholars, independent researchers and research students. Applicant's research records will be assessed *relative to opportunity* to ensure that research students and early career researchers are not placed at a disadvantage.

The selection committee will assess applications based on the following criteria:

- A successful record of research, scholarship, and significant publications and research outcomes. (Note: This will be assessed 'relative to opportunity' so research students and early career researchers are not disadvantaged);
- Strength of the proposed project;
- Connection of the project to the SJM's remit;
- Potential for impactful research outcomes that can be broadly disseminated in both public and scholarly arenas.

Required Documentation

Applicants must submit the following documentation:

- A cover letter outlining why the applicant is applying for the fellowship.
- A research-focussed CV noting clearly how much of their current and past experience has been based in research focussed positions.
- Names of two referees that can speak to the fellow's abilities to undertake the proposed project and that are familiar with their research and research skills.
- A research proposal of no more than 3 single spaced pages.
 - Applicants should be as specific as possible about the project they wish to pursue e.g. a project in oral testimony should specify which collections will be utilised and the proposed methodology.
 - The research proposal must include: a research question (the question must make reference to the aspect of the SJM collection, testimony, exhibitions etc. to be examined), reflection on how the proposed research will benefit both the SJM's research profile as well as the proposed research field (broadly defined) in general; a research strategy that includes sections on proposed methodologies, key milestones, a timeline and projected major outcomes of the Fellowship.

Funding

The fellowship endows the recipient with \$10,000 AUD.

Key Dates

Applications Open: 10 January, 2022

Applications Close: 31 March, 2022

Applicants Notified: Late April, 2022

Application Submission

Prior to submission, applicants are encouraged to contact the co-ordinator of at research@sjm.com.au, in order to discuss the proposed project.

Any questions about the fellowship can be directed to research@sjm.com.au.

Applicants must send all required documentation to research@sjm.com.au before close of business AEST on 31 March, 2022. PDF files are preferred.