



Sydney Jewish Museum Research Fellowship 2024

The Sydney Jewish Museum (SJM) Research Fellowship encourages deep and focused research across any aspect of the Museum's remit. It seeks to bring knowledge of both of these areas into scholarly and public arenas. Interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged.

The Sydney Jewish Museum Research Fellowship will:

- Encourage deep and focused research into any aspect of the Museum's remit;
- Promote scholarly and public interest in these areas that bring their contemporary importance to potential new audiences;
- Where possible, explores new methodologies that can bring these areas together to further knowledge;
- Enhance the national and international reputation of the SJM as an institution of major research significance.

As the Sydney Jewish Museum Research Fellowship supports research into all areas of the Museum's work, 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 Sydney Jewish Museum Research Fellowship need not be limited to traditional methodologies and new approaches to all aspects of the museum's research foci are encouraged.

Fellows will be expected to:

- Be present at the Sydney Jewish Museum for 2-3 days a week, for a total of 3 consecutive months as chosen between June and September 2023;
- Publish a significant scholarly paper based on their research in the SJM's peer-reviewed 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 that staff 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.

The fellow reports to the Museum's Manager of Research.

Selection Criteria

Applicants should demonstrate a record of scholarly research and publication or be enrolled in a

research degree. We encourage applications from research students, early career academics, independent researchers and writers and professional historians. 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.

Fellows will be judged 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;
- 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.
- 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.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact relevant SJM departments (e.g. curatorial, library, education) with regard to the relevant museum collections and resources to ascertain the feasibility of their proposed project.

Funding

Each fellowship endows the recipient with \$10,000 AUD for the duration of the fellowship.

Key Dates

Applications Close: 30 April 2024

Applicants Notified: mid-May, 2024

Fellowship Dates: 3 consecutive months between June and October 2024, or as negotiated.

Application Submission

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 30 April 2024.