

History Council of South Australia Fellowship

A key objective of the History Council of South Australia (HCSA) is to promote research, writing and publication of South Australian history.

To this end, the HCSA Fellowship was launched on 21 August 2020 in association with the State Library of South Australia.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to encourage the discovery, analysis and exploration of South Australia's history, and to help increase public engagement with a topic that has ongoing relevance to a broader Australian history and society today.

The \$2,000 Fellowship is funded through the generous support of donors, including the Marsden Szwarcbord Foundation, and the annual interest earnings accrued from a dedicated Fellowship Fund established within the framework of the Australian Cultural Fund.

The HCSA Fellowship is open from 1 September until 15 November each year, submissions may be made by email to secretary@historycouncilsa.org.au. The successful recipient will be notified in December.

Terms and Conditions

The HCSA Fellowship is designed to provide financial support for all Australians researching and writing about South Australian history.

The Fellowship is an annual prize of \$2,000.

In addition to the prize, the State Library of South Australia will provide space in the library for the Fellowship winner to conduct their research, as well as the use of a computer and up to 10 hours of research support.

The selection of the annual Fellowship holder will be by a competitive process.

The Fellowship may be used for travel and accommodation expenses, living expenses, or as a wage supplement.

Fellowship holders will be expected to make use of the resources and support of the State Library of South Australia and, where appropriate, other South Australian cultural institutions and repositories in pursuing a dedicated program of historical research.

Access to relevant resources and support will be facilitated by the HCSA in collaboration with the relevant institution(s) where the research activity is to be carried out.

The duration of the research work undertaken will be determined by the Fellowship holder in consultation with the HCSA and relevant institutions.

It is a requirement of the Fellowship that the holder will give a presentation on the research project and its findings at a time and in a format mutually agreed with the HCSA.

Any publications or outputs that result from the Fellowship must acknowledge the funding received from the HCSA and be reported to the HCSA.

The Fellowship will be paid to the prize winner by no later than 1 March of the year of the award.

Eligibility

Applicants must be a single researcher. Groups or institutions are not eligible for the Fellowship.

Applicants may be resident in Australia or abroad. However, the Fellowship holder is expected to engage with the collections of the State Library of South Australia and, where appropriate, other South Australian cultural institutions and repositories.

Applicants must be prepared to present their findings in a mutually agreed upon format to the HCSA.

Past recipients cannot reapply.

Current members of the HCSA Executive Committee and General Committee are ineligible to apply for this award.

Applications

Applicants must complete the application form and provide a CV.

Applications must provide a detailed summary of the Fellowship plan, including expected activities and budget (including other recent grants for the same project), and intended publication outcomes.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- The project's contribution to fostering the research and writing of South Australian history.
- Evidence of engagement with the collections of the State Library of South Australia and, where appropriate, other South Australian cultural institutions and repositories.
- Evidence of a dedicated program of historical research.
- A demonstrated capacity to undertake the project and deliver results.
- Contribution in a new or neglected area of historical enquiry.