

Information for Applicants

J.S. Battye Memorial Fellowship

A grant for researchers and scholars.

About

The State Library of Western Australia is offering one \$10 000 J.S. Battye Memorial Fellowship in 2024 for historians, curators or scholars. Applications open Friday, 26 April and close **Friday, 17 May 2024**.

James Sykes Battye was the State Library's Chief Librarian from 1894-1954. The James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship acknowledges his career as an historian and collector of West Australian historical material. The Fellowship was established through the Leah Jane Cohen Library Bequest to enhance understanding of Western Australia through research based on the State Library's heritage collections.

Applications are open to Western Australian residents who are historians, curators or scholars with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the fields of West Australian history or heritage.

This research fellowship will develop knowledge and public understanding about the State Library's West Australian [collections](#). The fellowship will result in one public presentation at the State Library and a report outlining the research findings. Research will also develop new understanding about the significance of State Library collections. It is anticipated that research will support development of new publications on West Australian history or support research for higher level tertiary qualifications.

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The research fellowship must make use of the collections of the [J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History](#) for a research proposal of their choice on the history of Western Australia.

The successful recipient will receive:

- \$10,000 paid in instalments upon the completion of agreed milestones by 30 November 2024;
- Support from State Library Librarians, the Battye Historian and other State Library staff.
- Access to the State Library collections.
- An induction tour and introduction to staff and library facilities.

- Use of State Library office space, venues and equipment at the discretion of the State Library.
- Waiver of photocopy and digital copy charges.

The Research Fellow will commence by June 2024 and complete their Fellowship by 30 November 2024.

The recipient will:

- Produce a report, outlining their experience, detailing the research findings and any new knowledge about State Library collections.
- Deposit with the State Library two copies of any work produced through the Fellowship.
- Be available for publicity purposes, including interviews with the media, to promote the research supported by the Research Fellowships.
- Contribute to the public programs of the State Library of Western Australia, such as a public lecture.
- Acknowledge the support of the State Library and the Fellowship in forums, presentations and publications resulting from the Fellowships.

Selection Process

All applications will be assessed by a panel. The panel may interview short-listed applicants. The successful recipients will be announced in June 2024.

All applicants will be informed of the panel's decision, which is regarded as final.

Applicants must demonstrate:

1. A research proposal that enhances knowledge and understanding of the State Library collections of West Australian history.
2. Research outcomes that demonstrate original research into West Australian history.
3. A proven ability to meet research outcomes and communicate these outcomes.

The State Library has the right to promote the residency outcomes and it is a condition of the funding that the successful recipients will be available for publicity purposes to promote the outcomes of the residency.

Eligibility

Applications are open to Western Australian residents who are historians, curators or scholars with demonstrated knowledge and experience in the fields of West Australian history or heritage.

Researchers based outside of Western Australia or current employees of the State Library of Western Australia are **not** eligible to apply.

How to Apply

Applications open Friday, 26 April 2024 and close Friday, 17 May 2024.

Applications are to be made online via Submittable. You will need to create a free Submittable account to [apply](#).

For more information visit the State Library website slwa.wa.gov.au

Application materials

A letter of no more than three pages addressing the criteria outlined under Selection Process and a curriculum vitae (CV) highlighting relevant experience must be uploaded as separate documents.

All applicants will receive an automated email confirming receipt of their application. It is recommended that you keep a copy of your application for your records.

Enquiries

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