

NSW State Library offering over \$200,000 in paid research opportunities

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The State Library of NSW is calling for applications for a range of prestigious research fellowships totalling \$216,000.

The biennial Coral Thomas Fellowship – now generously increased to \$100,000 – and the new \$12,000 Ross Steele AM Fellowship is open along with the State Library’s suite of competitive fellowships that support the research, writing, teaching and experience of Australian history and culture.

The Ross Steele AM Fellowship will support research into the State Library’s extensive pictorial collections comprising one and a half million photographs, over 140,000 prints, drawings and watercolours, and 1,200 oil paintings – 300 of which are on permanent display in the Library’s galleries.

According to Richard Neville, Mitchell Librarian and Director, Education & Scholarship, at the State Library of NSW: “Ross Steele AM, Officier de la Légion d’Honneur, is a world-renowned expert on France, passionate art enthusiast and a long-time supporter of the State Library. We’re thrilled that he has decided to support the Library through our thriving fellowships program.”

“The State Library has one of the most significant pictorial collections in Australia; the Ross Steele AM Fellowship will help unlock the fascinating history of how and why this collection has come together,” Mr Neville said.

The State Library’s fellowships program supports original research projects, undertaken by individual researchers, which aim to challenge or provide new perspectives on Australia’s past.

All State Library fellows enjoy special access to the Library’s rich collection and expert curators and librarians, as well as an inspiring study space in the Donald and Myfanwy Horne Room.

Research by current Library Fellows is as diverse as: *Charlotte Atkinson: Australia’s first children’s writer* (Dr Kate Forsyth); *Pressed and strained: the lives of metal workers in the era of globalisation (1970–1990)* (Dr Elizabeth Humphrys); and *Conservation mapping: a case study of Sydney’s 19th century water reserves* (Dr Rebecca Hamilton)

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The State Library is accepting applications for the following Fellowships:

Offered over two years, 2019/2021:

The biennial Coral Thomas Fellowship, \$100,000

Offered over one year, 2019/2020:

Dr AM Hertzberg Fellowship, \$20,000

David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship, \$12,000

Merewether Scholarship, \$12,000

CH Currey Fellowship, \$20,000

Nancy Keesing Fellowship, \$20,000

Australian Religious History Fellowship, \$20,000

Ross Steele AM Fellowship, \$12,000

Applications for all State Library Fellowships close 5pm, Monday 15 July 2019.

For more information and to apply, visit www.sl.nsw.gov.au/fellowships

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