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NSW State Library offering \$160,000 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 \$160,000.

The biennial \$75,000 Coral Thomas Fellowship is among the State Library's suite of competitive fellowships that support the research, writing, teaching and experience of Australian history and culture.

According to Richard Neville, Mitchell Librarian & Director of Education & Scholarship at the State Library of NSW: "The story of Australia simply cannot be told without reference to the State Library's unrivalled collection, and research plays a critical part in both understanding and also questioning Australia's documented past and more recent present."

"The Library is committed to encouraging a spirit of scholarly debate arising from our collection. Our fellowships program supports original research that provides new perspectives on the entire panorama of Australian experience, across five centuries from 17th century through to today."

Library Fellow, Dr Catherine Bishop's research shed light on Sydney's first female entrepreneurs – previously hidden in historical record - who paved the way for women in corporate life in Australia today. Her debut book *Minding Her Own Business: Colonial Businesswomen in Sydney* (NewSouth) recently won the 2016 Ashurst Prize for Business Literature.

Current research by Library Fellows is exploring areas as diverse as Australian counterculture; commercial map-making and copyright law in Australia from 1788 to 1917; the life and times of legendary boxer Les Darcy; and the changing social participation of people with disabilities in 19th and 20th century Australia

The State Library's Fellowships program includes:

- Coral Thomas Fellowship \$75,000 over two years
- Nancy Keesing Fellowship \$20,000 over one year
- CH Currey Memorial Fellowship \$20,000 over one year
- Australian Religious History Fellowship \$20,000 over one year
- David Scott Mitchell Memorial Fellowship \$12,000 over one year
- Merewether Fellowship \$12,000 over one year



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Fellows will enjoy exclusive access to the Library's new Fellows Room.

Applications for all State Library Fellowships close 5pm, 17 July 2017.
For more information and to apply, visit www.sl.nsw.gov.au/fellowships

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