

JAMES SYKES BATTYE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP 2018 INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Applications open Friday 15 December 2017 and close 5.00pm Wednesday 31 January 2018.

James Sykes Battye was the State Library's Chief Librarian from 1894-1954. The James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship honors his legacy 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.

Eligibility and Terms of Fellowship

Applications are open to Western Australian residents who are researchers or scholars, including University based researchers, on topics relating to West Australian history. Research must be based on the collections of the J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History and will result in a report. The research may lead to future publication and public programs at the State Library of Western Australia.

Fellowships are **not** available to:

- current State Library of Western Australia employees; or
- researchers based outside of Western Australia.

The successful applicant will be entitled to:

- A monetary amount up to \$10,000, paid in installments upon the completion of agreed milestones;
- Support from a State Library Subject Specialist, at the discretion of the Battye Historian;
- Waiver of photocopy and digital copy charges at the discretion of the Battye Historian;
- Physical access to the J.S. Battye Library of West Australian History and other State Library collections at the discretion of the Battye Historian;
- Research space and the use of office equipment at the discretion of the Battye Historian. The successful applicant will supply their own computer;
- An induction tour and introduction to staff and library facilities; and
- Use of the State Library Theatre for public presentations.

The successful applicant will be required to take up and complete the Fellowship within 2018 calendar year. They will be required to sign a contract with the State Library of Western Australia agreeing to:

- Produce a 2000 word report on the process and results of the research, detailing the benefits of the Fellowship;
- Grant the State Library of Western Australia the right to publish the results of the research on the website;
- Deposit two copies of any work produced with the State Library;
- Be available for publicity purposes, including interviews with the media, to promote the results of the Fellowship and acknowledge the support of the State Library of Western Australia in any publication or promotion.
- Contribute to the public programs of the State Library of Western Australia as the opportunity arises.

Selection Process

All applications will be assessed by a Fellowship Committee convened by the State Librarian and comprising a member of the Library Board of Western Australia, and an independent scholar. Canvassing of Committee members is not permitted. The successful applicant will be announced in March 2018.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- The degree to which the research outcomes would enhance understanding of the collections of the Battye Library;
- The degree to which the research outcomes help the State Library fulfil its strategic goal of 'treasuring the stories of Western Australia';
- The applicant's prior research experience and the quality of that research, relative to opportunity.

The Fellowship Committee may interview short-listed applicants.

All applicants will be notified informing them of the Committee's decision, which is regarded as final. No discussion or correspondence will be entered into concerning the Committee's decision.

How to Apply

Applications open Friday 15 December 2017 and close 5.00pm Wednesday 31 January 2018. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications are to be made online at:

<https://slwa.wa.gov.au/about-us/fellowships-and-scholarship/fellowship-application-form>

It is recommended that you keep a copy of your application for your records.

All applicants will receive a formal letter acknowledging their application.

Enquiries

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