

RAE AND GEORGE HAMMER MEMORIAL VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

This fellowship was established in 2016 by Dr Margaret Hammer in memory of her parents Rachel Margaret Hammer (1929-2015) and George Edward Johnston Hammer (1923-2008). It commemorates two remarkable people with a passion for History and English Literature, both of whom had fruitful careers teaching English and History in New Zealand.

Through this fellowship, the University of Queensland Library is proud to offer meritorious students the opportunity to continue the research tradition of the Hammer family at The University of Queensland.

Purpose

The purpose of the fellowship is to provide assistance for Honours, Masters and PhD students from universities other than The University of Queensland to use the collections held in the Fryer Library. The fellowship will assist with the costs associated with their visit and may include travel, accommodation, living expenses and other legitimate research-related expenses.

Definitions

In these rules —

Fellowship means the Rae and George Hammer Memorial Visiting Research Fellowship.

Value and award of fellowship

1. The Fryer Library may award up to \$2,500 a year on the recommendation of the Manager of the Fryer Library.
2. Up to \$2500 is to be awarded annually as a single prize or split amongst the successful applicants, depending on the quality of the applications. All applications received will be considered by the selection committee on a case-by-case basis.

Additional benefits

Successful applicants will be provided with assistance in accessing the collections from Fryer Library staff in the F.W. Robinson Reading Room.

Eligibility for award

An applicant is eligible for the fellowship in a year, if the applicant –

1. Submits an application to The University of Queensland Fryer Library by the closing date for the application.
2. Is enrolled in an approved Honours, Masters or PhD program from a University outside the metropolitan Brisbane area.
3. Can demonstrate the relevance of their research to primary source materials held within The University of Queensland's Fryer Library.

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Selection of award

For the selection process, the Manager of the Fryer Library must establish a selection committee comprising –

1. Manager, Fryer Library or nominee, as chair of the committee; and
2. One member of Library staff; and
3. One member of the University's academic staff.

The fellowship will be awarded to the applicant/s showing greatest merit as demonstrated by –

1. A copy of their Curriculum Vitae.
2. A copy of their academic transcript.
3. An outline of the proposed research project and its relevance to the collections that will be accessed from the Fryer Library (no more than 500 words).
4. A statement of support from a lecturer or research supervisor, outlining the merits of the proposed research project and the student concerned (no more than 250 words).
5. A schedule of dates for a proposed visit and a budget of proposed expenses, including travel, accommodation, living expenses and other legitimate research related expenses (please include quotes where possible).

Conditions for fellowship

1. The fellowship recipient/s will have 12 months in which to visit the Fryer Library.
2. The fellowship recipient/s will receive the funds allocated once the offer of the scholarship has been accepted in writing and they provide a receipt for booking their travel to visit the Fryer Library.
3. The fellowship recipient/s will produce a brief written account of their experiences during their visit, which may be used for promotional purposes.
4. The fellowship recipient/s will submit a report (no more than 1,000 words) outlining the benefits of the scholarship and providing feedback on their experience to the Manager of the Fryer Library within three months of the completion of their visit.
5. The fellowship recipient/s will provide the Manager of the Fryer Library with a [digital] copy of their completed research project, report or dissertation within a mutually agreed time following the completion of their visit.