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**Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence**

**Expressions of Interest 2020**

State Library is now inviting Expressions of Interest for the *Mittelheuser Scholar-in-Residence*. The Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence aims to attract leading thinkers who will develop new ideas, tools, strategies and services that benefit both Queensland’s GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) sector and State Library of Queensland.

Applicants are encouraged to apply evidence-based research to help bridge the theoretical/functional divide. This approach generates both new knowledge and tangible outcomes for the cultural sector and assists in the continuous improvement of State Library services.

The *Mittelheuser Scholar-in-Residence* (MSiR), supported by Dr Cathryn Mittelheuser AM through the Queensland Library Foundation, is awarded annually and offered externally or internally on alternating years.

**Who can apply?**

The award is open to individual applicants only. Interstate applications are welcome however onsite use of the Neil Roberts Research Lounge at State Library of Queensland is expected for a portion of the Fellow’s tenure.

Researchers and writers of any discipline, historians, visual and performing artists, filmmakers, musicians, digital content creators and digital creatives of all kinds are all welcome to apply.

If you are a full time Queensland State Government employee, please provide evidence of the support of your manager (email/letter) with your completed application.

If you are currently in receipt of a funded fellowship or residency from another institution, please indicate this in your application. If your project has already commenced, you are eligible to apply.

A bursary of $15,000 (excluding GST) will be made available to the successful applicant in three (3) instalments throughout their tenure. Scholars determine how the funds will be expended.

Scholars are expected to fulfil certain requirements; please see Guidelines for Entry on page 8 of this application form for further details.

**How to apply**

Please complete both the online entry form on the Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence web page and this Expression of Interest form. All fields must be completed to submit your application.

Please see page 11 for the criteria that will be used by the judging panel in assessing applications. The panel will take these points into account when assessing applications.

Attach the completed Expression of Interest form (and any supporting documentation) to your online entry form and click **SUBMIT**.

The completed application must be received by State Library no later than **5pm Thursday 26 March 2020.**

**You will receive an email acknowledgement of receipt of your application.**

**If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt please check your spam folder. If you still haven’t received an email acknowledging receipt of your application, please email the Research Coordinator immediately at the address below.**

**If you cannot send your Expression of Interest (EOI) online and prefer to mail it instead, please print and complete the online entry form and your completed EOI and any supporting documentation and send everything to:**

*Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence 2020*  
Research Coordinator  
Queensland Memory – level 4  
State Library of Queensland  
PO Box 3488   
South Brisbane Qld 4101

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the EOI approximately 8 weeks after the closing date.

Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

Enquiries or requests for further information should be directed to Research Coordinator, State Library of Queensland on 07 3840 7879 or 07 3840 7887 or email [Fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:Fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au).

More information is available at [www.slq.qld.gov.au](http://www.slq.qld.gov.au).

1. **Contact details**

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| **Full name:** |  |
| **Home address:** |  |
| **Postal address:**  (if different from above) |  |
| **Telephone numbers:** |  |
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| **Email address:** |  |

1. **Brief title of project** (30 words max)

1. **Proposal** (500 words max)

1. **Proposed outcome/s (300 word max)**
2. **Use and relevance of State Library’s collections or services for your project**

*Please list State Library’s collections or services that you have already identified and outline how they are relevant to your project*.

1. **Please outline your goals for this project, including time frames** (max.300 words).
2. **Have you applied to any other funding body for this project?**



If yes, please give details of the funding body, the amount requested and the result of the application, if known.

1. **Current position or occupation**

1. **Education record or professional achievements**

*Please give details of academic achievements, professional achievements or other distinctions*

1. **Names and contact details of three referees familiar with your work**

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**Declaration**

I have read the Guidelines to Entry relating to the *Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence*. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all the information in this application is correct. If my application is successful, I agree to abide by the requirements of a fellow, as stated in the Guidelines to Entry, as a *Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence*.

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| Signature: |  | Date: | / / |

**GUIDELINES FOR ENTRY**

**About Queensland Memory Awards**

State Library’s Queensland Memory Awards program is dedicated to supporting researchers of all kinds to interpret the collections of the John Oxley Library. Through deep engagement and interaction with the collections, these interpretations provide new insights into the collection and contribute new knowledge about Queensland’s history.

**Queensland Memory Awards fellowships and residencies on offer in 2020:**

* John Oxley Library Fellowship $20,000
* Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame Fellowship $15,000
* Mittelheuser Scholar in Residence $15,000
* Monica Clare Fellowship $15,000
* Letty Katts Award $5,000
* Honorary Fellowship (no application required). No honorarium*.*

Nominations for awarding the 2020 John Oxley Library Award, the John Oxley Library Community History Award and the Queensland Business History Award can be made by completing a nomination form. See the [Queensland Memory Awards webpage](https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/get-involved/fellowships-awards-residencies/queensland-memory-awards) for more information.

**What does a fellowship or residency offer?**

* A supportive environment for extended research and inquiry
* A shared back of house workspace in the Neil Roberts Research Lounge on level 4 of State Library of Queensland
* An honorarium paid in scheduled instalments (excl. Honorary Fellowship). The honorarium can be expended at the fellow’s discretion
* Free Wi-Fi, printing and photocopying
* Access to staff expertise and support
* Access to State Library’s collections
* Special borrowing privileges

**What are fellows or residents required to do?**

* Contribute at least three (3) articles to State Library’s John Oxley Library Blog related to his/her research.
* Provide two (2) reports about their progress to date.
* Participate in at least one (1) public program related to his/her research project such as the Research Reveals events.
* Deposit a copy of any work produced with the John Oxley Library.
* Be available for publicity purposes relating to the fellowship or residency, including media interviews and social media engagement.
* Participate in creating a digital story or filmed presentation about his/her fellowship or residency.
* Compile and submit an annotated bibliography of the research undertaken and presented to the State Library for use as a research resource at the conclusion of the fellowship.
* Ensure outcomes of the research undertaken as part of the fellowship or residency acknowledge the State Library of Queensland.
* Provide new insights into State Library’s collection and contribute new knowledge about Queensland’s history.
* Fellows are required to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with State Library, detailing payment schedule and other requirements listed above.

**Who can apply?**

Researchers and writers of any discipline, historians, curators, visual and performing artists, filmmakers, musicians and digital creatives are all welcome to apply. Queensland Memory fellowships, residencies and awards are open to applications from individuals only. Applications from groups will not be accepted.

Interstate applicants are welcome however onsite use of the Neil Roberts Research Lounge at State Library of Queensland is expected for a portion of the fellow/scholar’s tenure.

If you are currently in receipt of a funded fellowship or residency from another institution, please indicate this in your application. The fellowship is not intended to support research projects which are a component of postgraduate studies.

If your project has already commenced, you are eligible to apply.

If you are a Queensland State Government employee, please provide evidence of the support of your manager (email/letter) with your completed application. State Library of Queensland employees are ineligible to apply.

If you would like to be considered for an Honorary Fellowship, please select this option on the entry form. This applies only to applicants for the John Oxley Library Fellowship. An Honorary Fellowship may be offered to the first shortlisted applicant after the winner.

**How to apply - online**

* Select the fellowship or residency you would like to apply for.
* Complete the online entry form on web page. All fields must be completed to submit your application.
* Complete the fellowship application form or an Expression of Interest (EOI)
* If you are applying for the Monica Clare Fellowship, please also attach a copy of Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent or Letter of Confirmationwith your application form
* Attach the completed fellowship application form or EOI to your online entry form and click **SUBMIT**

**You will receive an email acknowledgement of receipt of your application.**

**Important!** If you do not receive an email acknowledging receipt, please check your spam/junk folder first and then contact the Research Coordinator immediately at the email address or phone number listed below.

**How to apply – postal**

* Download and print the entry form and the fellowship application form or EOI form.
* Complete the entry form
* Complete the fellowship application form or complete an EOI
* If you are applying for the Monica Clare Fellowship, please also attach a copy of **Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent or Letter of Confirmation** with your application form
* Post both the entry form and the application (or EOI) to:

**Research Coordinator**

Queensland Memory – level 4

State Library of Queensland

PO Box 3488

South Brisbane QLD 4101

Email: [fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:fellowships@slq.qld.gov.au)

Phone: 07 3840 7879 or 3840 7887

**All completed applications or EOIs plus entry forms (including any attachments) must be received by State Library no later than 5pm Thursday 26 March 2020.**

**What happens to my application/EOI?**

An independent judging panel approved by the State Librarian and CEO will assess all applications. The judging panel may, at their discretion, interview short-listed applicants.

The successful applicant will be notified before any public announcement.

All applicants will be notified in writing as to the outcome of their application/EOI, approximately 8 weeks after the closing date. Successful applicants will be announced at the Queensland Memory Awards ceremony in May 2020.

The decision of the judging panel is final, and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into with regards to the panel’s decision.

Fellows/scholars will be provided with physical space, Wi-Fi and printing access to conduct their own research. Fellows/scholars will be expected to bring in their own laptop computers or digital devices to complete their projects. Fellows/scholars will be given an initial orientation and introduction to State Library. Fellows should liaise with the Research Coordinator to assist with their day-to-day needs.

**Assessment of applications**

The judging panel will consider the following points when assessing applications:

1. **Relevance of the proposal to State Library of Queensland and the Queensland GLAM (galleries, libraries, archives and museums) sector:**

Does the project engage with Queensland’s GLAM sector to deliver outcomes that will benefit the sector and State Library of Queensland in some way?

1. **Innovative approach:**

How is the project innovative? How is the project different from other similar

projects? What are the anticipated benefits of this innovation? (e.g. greater

inclusion; enhanced capability; increased access)

1. **Use of collections:**

Does the project make relevant use of State Library’s collections or services or will it contribute to filling a gap in these collections or services?

How does the project raise awareness of the importance of State Library collections or services?

1. **Project scope and outcomes:**

Is the project achievable within the timeframe, taking into account accessible resources? Is the scope of the project clear?

Are outcomes achievable and do they align to the goals of the project?