The Coleman-Hilton Scholarship at the British School at Rome

The Coleman-Hilton Scholarship enables an outstanding postgraduate student in the Department of Classics and Ancient History to focus on a concentrated period of research whilst in residency at the British School at Rome (BSR).

**Scholarship value and duration**

$30,000 tenable for a 6 month period.

**Eligibility criteria**

- Open to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Sydney.

- Applicants must be engaged in archaeological, historical, or literary research on some aspect of the Roman Empire up until AD 476.

**For more information**

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**Background**

Established in 2012 with a gift from University of Sydney alumni Mr Jeffrey Hilton and his wife Ms Suzy Coleman.

**Selection criteria**

- Academic Merit.
- Established research direction.
- Presentation of a well-articulated high-quality research plan.
- Capacity for future influence and leadership.
- Preference will be given to those students in their penultimate of final year of their PhD studies.

**Payment schedule**

Payment of residential costs at BSR:

- This covers board, lodging, administration and contributes towards the costs of the full program of lectures, events and visits offered by the BSR to all of its residents.

- The cost of a return economy airfare from Sydney to Rome.

- The cost of obtaining an Italian visa.

- A monthly stipend to be paid by the BSR from any remaining funds transferred to the BSR.
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Terms and Conditions

The travel Scholarship was established in 2012 with a gift from University of Sydney alumni Mr Jeffrey Hilton and his wife Ms Suzy Coleman, to enable an outstanding postgraduate student in the Department of Classics and Ancient History to focus on a concentrated period of research whilst in residency at the British School at Rome (BSR), a leading humanities research institute. It affords them an outstanding opportunity to benefit from the international community of humanities scholars located at the BSR, along with those at other Rome-based foreign institutes.

1. Description of the Scholarship

The Scholarship is a residential award, to be held for a period of six months, targeted at PhD students who are in the penultimate or final year of their studies. Candidates must be either Australian citizens or permanent residents.

2. Eligibility

The Scholarship is open to Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents enrolled full-time in a Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Sydney.

Applicants are to be engaged in archaeological, historical, or literary research on some aspect of the Roman Empire up until AD 476.

3. Scholar Responsibilities

Successful applicants must commit to full-time residency at the BSR for the entire period of the award, with occasional travel as necessary for research. They are encouraged to fully participate in the resident community at the BSR, and to avail themselves of the unique interdisciplinary lecture programme offered there. They are required to provide a brief report to the Chair of Department at the conclusion of the residency, summarizing their work while resident. The BSR may also request a report, as well as a brief statement for possible inclusion in the research reports section of Papers of the British School at Rome.

4. Value of the Scholarship

The value of the Scholarship is AUD 30,000 for a six-month period. It is intended to:
(a.) Pay for residential costs at BSR - This covers board, lodging, administration and also contributes towards the costs of the full programme of lectures, events and visits offered by the BSR to all of its residents.
(b.) Cover the cost of a return economy airfare from Sydney to Rome.
(c.) Cover the cost of obtaining an Italian visa
(d.) Provide a monthly stipend from any remaining funds to be paid by the BSR from funds transferred to the BSR.

The recipient may be required to refund all or part of the Scholarship if he/she fails to complete the intended study at the BSR or discontinues or suspends his/her candidature. The Scholarship cannot be deferred.

Subject to the availability of funds, there will be one award available each year. The Selection Committee has the discretion not to award the Scholarship if there is no applicant of sufficient merit.

5. Method of Award

The Scholarship will be advertised in accordance with University practice. The Scholarship shall be awarded by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on the recommendation of a committee of the Department of Classics and Ancient History. There will be input from the Director of the BSR in determining the shortlist of applicants.

Applicants for the Scholarship will submit a written research brief and samples of their work. They should be able to clearly demonstrate the value of this Scholarship not only to their personal career and goals, but also how they will benefit from and contribute to the vibrant residential community of artists and scholars at the BSR.

The selection criteria for the award of the Scholarship shall include:
(a.) demonstrated academic excellence;
(b.) established research direction;
(c.) presentation of a well articulated high-quality research plan; and
(d.) capacity for future influence and leadership.

6. The terms and conditions of the Scholarship may be varied in such manner as the Senate of the University of Sydney, or such other body delegated by the Senate, shall determine provided that the objectives of the award and the special selection criteria stated above are preserved.