

## **Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) Caird Fellowship**

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **1) Are international PhD students eligible to apply?**

*Yes, international PhD Students are eligible to apply for a Fellowship during or after their PhD, as they are not funded by UK public funds. However, all overseas applicants, including PhD students, are responsible for ensuring they have the correct permissions to visit and undertake research in the UK.*

#### **2) What level of detail does RMG want to see about the project timetable in the application proposal?**

*We expect you to show the activities you will undertake month by month – both research and any indicative public engagement activities – with at least a couple of bullet points or sentences per month.*

#### **3) Can we use the Caird Fellowship to explore other archives in London that are relevant to the proposed project?**

*Yes, it is fine to spend some of your time researching or responding to RMG's collections, and some of the time undertaking research at other archives. The main part of your research should focus on RMG, however.*

#### **4) Roughly what level of funding is available to support public engagement?**

*There is 'between £1000 and £5000' of funding available to support practice-based research and public engagement relating to your project. This sum will be agreed with the Museum and will vary depending on the needs of each research project and on the total sum required across the whole RMG Fellowship portfolio each year.*

#### **5) Can we use the engagement funding to pay our collaborators, should we need help?**

*Yes, it is possible to use this funding to pay collaborators, either to support practice-based research or for public engagement outputs. Initial details should be provided in the application form and will be agreed with RMG if you are successful.*

**6) Can I discuss with curators/research team what might be most useful to RMG to hone the research theme down? And how soon might I hear from them before the deadline for proposal submission?**

*Please send a short summary of your research proposal idea to [research@rmg.co.uk](mailto:research@rmg.co.uk) and we will advise if your project is feasible, and if necessary, forward to a curator to respond to any questions. Please note we are a small curatorial /research management team, so we expect applicants to have utilised all available information (including RMG's Collections Online) prior to your approach to us, and to keep any questions focussed and specific. We will do our best to respond to you as soon as possible.*

**7) Is a grant available to more than one applicant?**

*Yes, we are open to Fellowship project applications where the funding is split between applicants. However, please note that each Fellowship project will only receive one award of funding e.g. 3 months at £2100 per month. Multiple applicants will therefore share that single award.*

**8) Is there any ruling that a Caird Research fellowship can only be given to an individual once?**

*No, there is no rule that says you can only hold a Fellowship once. Each application is assessed on its merits. In the past, we have had Fellows who have been awarded a subsequent Fellowship either on a new topic or to extend their original research. However, RMG does prioritize the widening of participation in the Fellowship scheme and is particularly keen to offer the opportunity of Fellowship funding to those who have **not** had that chance before. In a competitive field, we will look to prioritize these applicants, therefore.*

**9) Is it possible to apply to undertake a blend of academic and practical research?**

*Yes – absolutely. We are very open to creative ways of approaching our collections and subject matter, which could combine traditional archival research with a practice-based methodology or output. Recent Caird Fellow Dr Nydia Swaby used an academic and practice-based approach in this way: see the Information Webinar recording and/or her webpage for more details: [Curating Archives: Black Feminist Pasts, Presents, and Futures at Royal Museums Greenwich | Royal Museums Greenwich](#)*