



JAMES SYKES BATTYE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Applications open Tuesday 28 April 2009 and close 5.00pm Friday 5 June 2009.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Battye Library, the Library Board of Western Australia established the James Sykes Battye Memorial Fellowship.

The Fellowship, up to the value of \$20 000, has been established through the Leah Jane Cohen Library Bequest. Leah Jane Cohen was a keen supporter of the Library and her enduring generosity will enable others to use the Battye collections to further our understanding of Western Australia.

The aims of the Fellowship are to:

- Promote the Battye Library as a centre of original research and scholarship in Western Australia;
- Encourage use of the unique collections of the Battye Library; and
- Encourage research, publication, presentation and discussion based on them.

Eligibility and Terms of Fellowship

Applications are open to Australian residents who may be historical or contemporary scholars, researchers or writers, with a strong interest in research based on the State Library of Western Australia, Battye Library collections. Research based on the Western Australian music collections is also eligible for a Fellowship.

The State Library of Western Australia will offer up to \$20 000 biennially. Depending on the scope and quality of the applications more than one Fellowship may be offered.

The successful applicant will be entitled to:

- A monetary amount up to \$20 000, paid in appropriate installments upon the completion of agreed quarterly milestones; *
- Support from a State Library Subject Specialist;
- Waiving of photocopy, microfilm copy and digital print charges at the discretion of the Battye Historian;
- Physical access to the Battye Library and other State Library collections at the discretion of the Battye Historian;
- Office 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.

*** Taxation Implications**

An individual's taxation circumstances are unique so applicants should seek the advice of a taxation professional.

The successful applicant will be required to:

- Sign a Contract with the State Library of Western Australia;
- Take up and complete the Fellowship within the period July 2009 – April 30, 2011. Extensions may be negotiated;
- Make significant use of Battye Library collections;
- Make at least one public presentation of the results of their research;
- Make at least one public presentation on their research process;
- Contribute to a State Library exhibition based on the resources used for the Fellowship research;
- Grant the State Library of Western Australia the first right of publication in any format of the results of their research;
- Deposit a copy of any work produced with the State Library;
- Provide relevant website content;
- Provide regular updates of milestone achievements as agreed to the Fellowship Committee;
- Be available for publicity purposes, including interviews with the media, to promote the results of the Fellowship;
- Acknowledge the support of the State Library of Western Australia in any publication or promotion;
- Be available for an induction; and
- Prepare a report at the conclusion of the Fellowship detailing the benefits of the experience.

In regard to the Battye Library collections:

- Physical access to collections outside of opening hours is not available;
- No library materials may be removed from library premises;
- Copying of archival materials is in accordance with State Library of Western Australia preservation and copying policies; and
- Copyright regulations must be adhered to.

Fellowships are **not** available:

- Where the research would be part of the applicant's regular paid employment;
- Where the research would result in a work of fiction; or
- To current State Library of Western Australia employees.

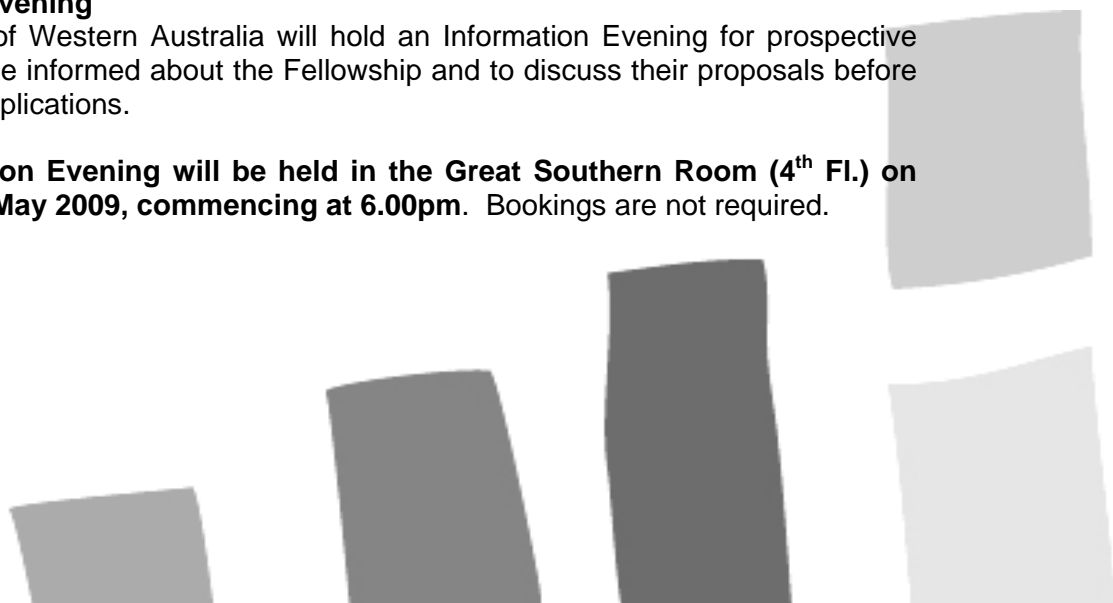
The Fellowship Committee may decide to not award the Fellowship.

Failure to comply with these Terms may result in the immediate termination of the Fellowship.

Information Evening

State Library of Western Australia will hold an Information Evening for prospective applicants to be informed about the Fellowship and to discuss their proposals before they submit applications.

The Information Evening will be held in the Great Southern Room (4th Fl.) on Thursday 14 May 2009, commencing at 6.00pm. Bookings are not required.



Selection Process

All applications will be examined by an independent Fellowship Committee convened by the State Librarian and comprising members of the Library Board of Western Australia, the Battye Historian, leading historians and contemporary researchers. Canvassing of Committee members is not permitted.

Applications will be judged on the following criteria:

- The degree to which the research outcomes would fulfill the aims of the Fellowship.
- The degree to which the research outcomes would promote the collections of the Battye Library.
- The applicant's prior research experience and the quality of that research, relative to opportunity.

The Fellowship Committee will 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 Tuesday 28 April 2009 and close Friday 5 June 2009. Posted or hand delivered applications must be received by the 5.00pm on the close date. Late applications will not be considered.

Applications can only be made on a printed copy of the Application Form available online at http://slwa.wa.gov.au/about_us/james_sykes_battye_memorial_fellowship Electronic applications will not be accepted. 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

Potential applicants are encouraged to attend the Information Evening or discuss their project ideas with Sarah Brown before they submit an application.

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