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RESEARCHERS INVITED TO APPLY FOR LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS

Applications are now open for the 2017 National Library of Australia Fellowships.

A total of six funded fellowships will be offered in 2017 to researchers from Australia and overseas and established or emerging scholars. The fellowships support researchers using the National Library of Australia's 10 million-item-strong collection.

Director-General of the National Library of Australia Ms Anne-Marie Schwirtlich AM encouraged scholars to apply for the new round of fellowships.

'Last year we reinstated and expanded our fellowships, thanks to the generosity of our donors – and attracted 147 applicants from Australia and overseas, double that of previous rounds,' Ms Schwirtlich said.

'We would like this to continue for the 2017 round, both with the number of people applying and the calibre of projects.

'Thanks to the support of donors like Deidre McCann and Kevin McCann AM and the Macquarie Group Foundation, Ryan Stokes, past and present members of the National Library of Australia Council, the Harold S. Williams Trust, the Eva Kollsman and Ray Mathew Trust, along with our valued library patrons and supporters, we can offer six funded fellowships again this year.'

With its world-class collection of books, manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, music and maps, the National Library of Australia is a hub for research, intellectual and creative endeavour. Recipients of the fellowships will enjoy in-depth access to this rich collection and to the Library's expert staff, a supportive working environment and financial assistance.

All applications for the 2017 NLA fellowships will be assessed on merit and some honorary fellowships may also be awarded.

Researchers are invited to apply now for the 2017 round with applications closing 2 May 2016.

More information and application forms are available at:

<https://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/fellowships-and-scholarships/national-library-of-australia-fellowships>

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