

The Rijksmuseum Fellowship Programme 2025-2026

Applications due by 5 January 2025

The Rijksmuseum welcomes international, independent research proposals which open new perspectives on the museum's collection, its history and activities. The programme enables highly talented candidates to base part of their research at the Rijksmuseum, and offers access to the museum's expertise, collections, library and laboratories. Furthermore, the programme facilitates opportunities for Fellows to engage in workshops and excursions to encourage exchange of knowledge - both amongst themselves and the broader museum audience.

Current fellows

From studying the forms and functions of delftware tiles in Jaina Temples of Early-Modern South Asia, investigating the material practices of gift-giving in the early modern Ottoman-Dutch world to research into the 1966 Rijksmuseum Papuan Art Exhibition.

Read more about the research projects of our current eight fellows: [Fellows - Rijksmuseum](#)

Application and procedure

Please review the eligibility, funding and application requirements by visiting the [Rijksmuseum website](#). For the 2025-2026 academic year, candidates can apply for:

- Mellon Fellowship for research in art and cultural history - [Apply here](#)
- Johan Huizinga Fellowship for historical research - [Apply here](#)
- Migelien Gerritzen Fellowship for conservation and scientific research - [Apply here](#)
- Dr. Anton C.R. Dreesmann Fellowship for art historical research - [Apply here](#)

The closing date for all applications is **5 January 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (Amsterdam time/CET)**. No applications will be accepted after this deadline. All applications must be submitted **online and in English**. Applications or related materials delivered via email, postal mail, or in person will not be accepted.

Selection will be made by an international committee in February 2025. The committee consists of eminent scholars in the relevant fields of study from European universities and institutions, and members of the curatorial and conservation staff of the Rijksmuseum. Applicants will be notified by February 2025. All Fellowships will start in September 2025.

Questions?

For questions concerning the application procedure, contact the Manager of Academic Programmes (fellowships@rijksmuseum.nl).