

British Library Doctoral Fellowship 2025

Application Form



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Section 1: Applicant details and declaration

Applicant name		
Year of Study		<input type="checkbox"/> Full time <input type="checkbox"/> Part time
Institution		
Department		
Email address		
Tel. number		
Availability	Are you available during the timeframe stated in the project description? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Please include here any additional information about your availability:	

I CONFIRM THAT	
I am a current PhD student and eligible to apply for this opportunity.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The information provided in this application is accurate and correct.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have sought appropriate permissions from my PhD supervisor, university and/or funding body to apply for and, if selected, to undertake the fellowship.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signature Please insert an image of your signature, or print, sign and scan this form once completed.	Date

Section 2: Case for Support

1. Title of your PhD

2. Please provide a brief summary of your PhD research for a non-specialist audience. (max. 100 words)

3. Please explain why you are interested in a placement at the British Library in particular. (max. 100 words)

4. Please describe why this particular placement project appeals to you, and what skills and experience you feel you would gain from it. (max. 400 words)

5. Addressing the criteria in the project description, please outline any relevant skills, experience and research interests you would bring to this placement. (max. 300 words)

6. Optional: Feel free to provide any additional information not already covered above that you think would strengthen your application. (max. 200 words)

Section 3 - Authorisation (HEI/Academic Supervisor)

Please ask your PhD supervisor to complete the following section

Approval for this Doctoral fellowship application is required from the applicant’s academic supervisor.

If the application is successful, the HEI will be required to make the necessary administrative arrangements to enable the student to undertake the placement. The HEI should also advise the student on any funding available to support the student for the duration of the placement.

Applicant’s PhD supervisor – Title & name	
I confirm that I support this application for a Doctoral fellowship at the British Library.	
Signature	Date
Kindly insert an image file of your signature, or print/sign/scan this form.	

Section 4 – Submitting your application

Application deadline:	18 March 2025, 5 pm UK time (GMT)
Submit to:	africa@bl.uk
Email subject to include:	“1994 South African elections Doctoral Fellowship (your surname)” Example: 1994 South African elections Doctoral Fellowship (Bloggs)
Confirmation of receipt:	Once you have submitted your application, you should receive an auto-reply from us, which will serve as confirmation of receipt. Please ensure you have received this. You may need to check your spam folder.

If you have any questions about the application process, please do not hesitate to contact mariam.dehaan@bl.uk.