



# AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIEVAL AND EARLY MODERN STUDIES

## ANZAMEMS Early Career Fellowship Program 2023

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### Description

This fellowship is intended to support the development of early career researchers in pursuing advanced research and publication in medieval studies, early modern studies, and medievalism. The funding is flexible, and can be potentially be used at any stage of the research process: trips to archives or libraries, access to digital resources, reproduction and permissions fees for images of rare materials at libraries and archives, time to organize notes and images, support for work-life balance, support for time to write.

Applicants should make a strong case for their proposed topic's importance, its relevance to a field of study relevant to ANZAMEMS, and the originality and sophistication of its approach. They should also describe the type of work they would like to undertake, with a justification of why and how their research agenda will advance their project, and their plans for the future advancement and eventual publication of their work.

Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of the project's merit, and the expected contribution the fellowship funding and mentorship will make to the project advancing towards publication and dissemination.

Successful applicants will receive

- \$3,000 AUD (ex. GST) in research funding, awarded at the commencement of the fellowship;
- Mentoring by a senior ANZAMEMS academic, meeting approximately monthly for a period of six (6) months.

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be a current member of ANZAMEMS and either:
  - a) A Postgraduate Student formally enrolled in a PhD by research programme or equivalent at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand, whose thesis has been submitted but may be under examination at the time of the application for the Award. Requests for exceptions will require strong support from the Senior Supervisor;
- OR
- b) An Early Career Researcher with a connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand;
- OR

- c). An independent scholar with a connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.
- **Definitions**
  - Early Career Researcher: ANZAMEMS defines an ECR as a scholar within ten (10) years of the award of a PhD (or equivalent research degree) at the time of the application. An extension to the ten-year limit may be granted for significant career interruption/s due to any one or more of the following circumstances: care responsibilities; international relocation for post- doctoral or other research employment; serious illness; maternity or parental leave; unemployment; employment outside academia/current academic discipline. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above.
  - Independent Scholar: ANZAMEMS defines an independent scholar as EITHER i). a scholar with no institutional affiliation during the twelve (12) months preceding the application period OR ii). A scholar with a contract with an institution for a period of twelve (12) months or less OR iii). A scholar with a contract with an institution longer than twelve (12) months but where the contract is less than 0.3 FTE OR iv). A scholar in full-time employment with either an academic institution or other employer but not employed in their field of study AND/OR in which publication in their field of study is not a part of their employment contract. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above.
  - A connection to Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand: ANZAMEMS defines such a connection as normally one of the following: i). the candidate completed one or more degrees at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand; ii). The candidate is a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand; iii). The candidate has an institutional connection of some type within the last five (5) years to an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand. The Selection Panel will consider exceptional circumstances that differ from the above.  
EXCLUSIONS: Postdoctoral positions of less than one (1) year.
- The following may not apply for this Prize:
  - i). Students registered in an Honours or Masters degree;
  - ii). PhD or equivalent candidates who have not yet submitted, or without a letter of reference from their primary supervisor EXCEPT where exceptional circumstances exist;
  - iii). Scholars within five (5) years of retirement from a permanent position at an HE institution in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.
- We strongly encourage applications from Indigenous scholars.
- No gender or age criteria are applied.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Applicants must be a current member of ANZAMEMS.
- Only one application per applicant per round will be accepted.
- Fellowships must be taken up during the period of 1 September 2023 – 28 February 2024.
- Applications will be reviewed and selected by an interdisciplinary panel of invited ANZAMEMS scholars, together with a member of the ANZAMEMS committee.
- Applicants may suggest suitable mentors, or ANZAMEMS will connect successful applicants with mentors, but mentors must not have previously supervised applicants' research work.
- Attention will be given to applicants' achievements relative to opportunity and hardship

- We encourage scholars to seek out affiliation with a university or other research institution, but this is not a requirement of the fellowship.
- Successful applicants agree that their name and project title will be made public by ANZAMEMS in connection with this fellowship.
- Successful applicants must provide a written report at the completion of their mentoring outlining how they used the funds and how their project has progressed.
- Successful applicants may not apply again for two (2) years, and subsequent applications must be for a different project; unsuccessful applicants are welcomed to apply again in future years.
- Successful applicants will be expected to acknowledge ANZAMEMS in any publications, scholarly or otherwise, resulting from this research, and to provide ANZAMEMS with a copy of each piece.
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit a short piece about their research to *Parergon* and/or the ANZAMEMS newsletter at the conclusion of their fellowship.
- In all matters relating to eligibility, applicant selection, and fellowship conditions, the decision of ANZAMEMS is final.
- In all cases not covered by these conditions and guidelines, or where there may be scope for interpretation, the applicant should seek clarification from the Chair of the ANZAMEMS Honours & Prizes Sub-committee.

## **Application**

Applicants must:

- Be a current member of ANZAMEMS;
- Complete the Fellowship application form;
- Provide a 1,500-word project description;
- Provide a up-to-date CV of no more than 2 pages);
- Provide one (1) letter of recommendation;
- For applicants who do not yet have the PhD in hand, one (1) additional letter of recommendation from your primary supervisor indicating expected date of completion is required;
- All documents must be submitted in English.