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THE POLYMNIA AND AIMILIA KALLINIKOS ITHACA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

TERMS & CONDITIONS

The Polymnia and Aimilia Kallinikos Ithaca Research Fellowship provides financial support to scholars undertaking research into the archaeology or history of the island of Ithaca, Greece. The aim is to enable the Fellow to submit an output for peer review publication within twelve months of completion of the Fellowship period.

This Fellowship is made possible by the generosity of Mr Nikolaos K. Galatis.

Applications should be emailed to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au no later than
Friday, 13 November 2026 at 12:00 AEDT.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Fellowship is to promote and strengthen scholarly engagement with Ithaca's past by supporting Fellows to produce a peer-reviewed publication. It does so by providing assistance with travel and accommodation costs incurred for research in Greece (e.g. Athens; Ithaca) or elsewhere with relevant source material (e.g. archives and collections held in Italy, the United Kingdom, or elsewhere).

2. Areas of Research

The proposed research project must be wholly or partially relevant to the archaeology or history of Ithaca of any period. Priority will be given to projects which propose the study or publication of new source material (e.g. artefacts, archival documents, etc).

3. Eligibility

- 1) An applicant must be either currently enrolled in a Higher Degree Research program (e.g. Masters by Research or PhD); an Early Career Researcher (up to seven years post-PhD); or an Established scholar.
- 2) Priority will be given to HDR and Early Career researchers affiliated with Australian universities or museums and to such Australian citizens affiliated with such research institutions abroad, although this call is open to scholars of any nationality and career stage with a track record of relevant scholarly research appropriate to that stage.

4. Value

- 1) Each award may be up to AUS\$6000.
- 2) Each Fellowship will be paid as a one-off payment directly to the successful applicant.
- 3) The Fellowship cannot be deferred without prior approval of the Director of the AAIA.
- 4) The Fellowship cannot be transferred to another area of research or university.
- 5) No other amount is payable.
- 6) The Fellowship will be offered subject to the availability of funding.

5. Duration

The Fellowship must be undertaken in its entirety between 1 January 2027 and 31 December 2027.

Application Requirements

- 1) A completed Application Form.
- 2) A completed Research Project Proposal as outlined in the Application Guidelines.
- 3) A confidential letter of academic recommendation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their referee has sent the letter of recommendation directly to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by the application deadline.

7. Fellowship Responsibilities

- 1) All Fellows are expected to submit a peer review journal article based upon their Fellowship research within twelve months of completing their Fellowship period.
- 2) Any arising publications or other outputs, including presentations, must acknowledge the funding support received from the AAIA.
- 3) All Fellows are required to offer to deliver a public lecture based upon their Fellowship research to their a local AAIA Friends Group, if there is one, within twelve months of completing the Fellowship period.
- 4) All Fellows must write an article on their activities undertaken as part of the Fellowship which will be published in the annual AAIA *Bulletin*. This should be 500 words with one 300dpi full colour image, and it should be written for a non-specialist audience. The deadline is 1 February following the Fellowship period and should be submitted to publications@aaia.gr.
- 5) All Fellows must refrain from acting in a way that may damage the relations of the AAIA with the authorities and institutions of any countries in which the Fellow is undertaking research in conjunction with the Fellowship.
- 6) Misconduct or activities that may damage the relations of the Institute with the Greek authorities and other Foreign Schools and Institutes, or other institutions at which the Fellow is undertaking research in conjunction with the Fellowship, may lead to the suspension of the Fellowship.
- 7) All Fellows are responsible to the Director of the AAIA or any delegates.

8. Assessment Procedure

- 1) Applications are judged on the following criteria:
 - i) the project's originality
 - ii) the project's relationship to existing research in the field
 - iii) the scholarly importance of the project
 - iv) the benefit to society of the overarching project
 - v) the feasibility of the research to be undertaken during the Fellowship period
 - vi) the cost-effectiveness of the research to be undertaken during the Fellowship period
 - vii) the justification of the need to undertake the Fellowship-period research as outlined in the application
 - viii) the benefit of the Fellowship period to the applicant's career
 - ix) the justification of the intended outputs arising from the Fellowship research
- 2) Applications are assessed by the AAIA Research Committee. Those who undertake the assessment of applications are required to give an undertaking that all information acquired in the discharge of their duties be kept confidential and not be transmitted to any persons other than in accordance with the prescribed procedures for the selection process. Information provided to assessors in an application for funding will only be used for the purposes of evaluating the proposal.
- 3) Those who undertake the assessment of applications for funds are required to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- 4) Applicants are informed by email of the outcome of their application.
- 5) Competition for support is intense, and it is anticipated that many high-quality applications may not receive support. Appeals may not be made against the academic judgement of the assessors. The sole ground on which an appeal may be made is one of improper procedure. Anyone wishing to make an appeal against a decision should write to the Director no later than 30 days after the result of the application is emailed, citing the specific decision and setting out clearly the substantive basis

of the appeal. Only applicants themselves may appeal. The Director will respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

9. Conditions of Award

Recipients of awards are made aware of any conditions that may be attached to the award at the time of award, as these may be specific to the project, and are required to confirm acceptance of those conditions.

Receipts for travel and accommodation costs must be retained by the Fellow for one year and may be requested for audit purposes.

The Fellowship will be terminated if the recipient:

- Withdraws from their higher degree program, if a registered student
- Fails to undertake the proposed travel within the designated period
- Provides false or misleading information in the application
- Fails to comply with research ethics, health, safety, or visa obligations

10. Equal Opportunities

The AAIA is committed to a policy of equal opportunities in that applicants will receive equal treatment, regardless of race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age, or disability.

11. Ethics Policy

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the policies and standards concerning research ethics of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Fellowship.

12. Health and Safety

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the the policies and standards concerning health and safety of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Fellowship.

13. Data Protection

All Fellows must abide by the [European Union's General Data Protection Regulations](#) in the undertaking of any Fellowship research undertaken within the European Union.

13. Visas and Insurance

Responsibility for all visas and insurance (e.g. travel; health) pertaining to their Fellowship period and activities lies with the Fellow.

14. Access to Sites, Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Applicants are advised that during July and August, access to study materials in Greek museums may be limited, and many of the major research libraries in Athens are closed during August, and some in September. Applicants are advised to check access arrangements with organisations relevant to their research prior to submitting their application to the AAIA.