

Powerhouse Museum Movable Heritage Fellowship 2012

Tertiary students are invited to apply for a scholarship offered by the Powerhouse Museum.

The aims of the Fellowship are to:

- Stimulate research into the movable heritage of New South Wales
- Increase skills in movable heritage interpretation
- Raise awareness of the importance of community collections in understanding Australian society
- Encourage students to work with community museums.

Value: \$5,000

Tenure: One year

The research project

The successful student will undertake a research project on an object or group of objects in a NSW community museum, historical society or other collecting institution. S/he will need to develop an understanding of the significance of the object(s) through researching, for example, relevant objects in other collections, oral recollections, documents, photographs, catalogues, letters or diaries. Direct assistance and supervision will be provided by Powerhouse Museum staff and the successful student will be given access to the Museum's collection, documentation records, archives and library.

Eligibility

The successful applicant will:

- Be a continuing tertiary student in 2012
- Be enrolled in a course relevant to the research and documentation of an aspect of the movable heritage of NSW
- Have a sound academic record
- Be able to demonstrate how this research project will both inform his/her own studies and contribute to the community's greater understanding of movable heritage in NSW
- Be able to spend a minimum of one week in 2012 working with a supervisor at the Powerhouse Museum at a time that suits both student and supervisor
- Base the research project on an object or collection of objects in a NSW community museum, historical society or other collecting institution.

Conditions

The successful applicant will:

- Be given \$1500 after selection; \$1500 on submission and acceptance of a progress report by 1 June 2012 and the final \$2000 on submission and acceptance of the final report by 1 December 2012
- Be available to undertake supervised research at the Powerhouse Museum during 2012
- Produce a 'product' which can be made publicly accessible. The nature of this product will be agreed by the student and their supervisor. For example, it could be a research essay, a short film, a radio play, a school education text or a webpage for the community museum and/or Powerhouse Museum website
- Produce a 500–1000 word final report summarising the outcomes of the research and demonstrating that s/he has developed an effective working relationship with a collecting institution and the project is of benefit to both the custodians of the collection and the Powerhouse Museum
- Pay all expenses associated with the research project using the fellowship grant of \$5000. An acquittal of funds expended will be required by 30 March 2013.

How to apply:

Applicants should complete an application form available on the Powerhouse Museum website www.powerhousemuseum.com.

Applicants will also need to include copies of relevant supporting documents, including permission from the owner of the collection on which the project will be based.

Applications will be assessed by a committee made up of staff of the Powerhouse Museum and an external adviser. Applicants will be notified by mid March 2012.

Applicants must discuss their proposed project with relevant Powerhouse Museum staff and should consult the Regional Services Coordinator, Freecall 1800 882 092 or email regionalservices@phm.gov.au.

The closing date for applications is 3 February 2012.

Applications are to be lodged with
Regional Services Coordinator
Powerhouse Museum
PO Box K346
Haymarket NSW 1238

Freecall 1800 882 092
Telephone 02 9217 0220
Fax 02 9217 0355
Email: regionalservices@phm.gov.au