

## Powerhouse Museum Movable Heritage Fellowship 2010

Students resident in NSW enrolled at any campus of a university in NSW 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 NSW
- 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 community museum, historical society or other collecting institution. S/he will need to develop an understanding of the object(s)' significance through researching, for example, relevant objects in other collections, oral recollections, documents, photographs, catalogues, letters or diaries. Projects that focus on migration heritage, agricultural machinery collections, dress and textile collections and historic photographic collections are key areas of interest. For 2010 an additional focus will be projects which highlight the contribution of Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie and are part of the program for the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary Celebrations. 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 resident in NSW and a continuing student of a university in NSW
- 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
- Be able to spend a minimum of one week in 2010 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 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 2010 and the final \$2000 on submission and acceptance of the final report by 1 December 2010
- Be available to undertake supervised research at the Powerhouse Museum during 2010
- 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 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 June 2011.

**How to apply:**

Applicants should complete an application form available on the Powerhouse Museum website [www.powerhousemuseum.com](http://www.powerhousemuseum.com)

Applicants will also need to include copies of relevant supporting documents.

Applications will be assessed by a committee made up of staff of the Powerhouse Museum and an external adviser. Applicants will be notified by 1 December 2009.

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](mailto:regionalservices@phm.gov.au)

**Applications will be accepted until 6 November 2009.**

Applications are to be lodged with  
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