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# ARLIS Research Awards 2025-26

The ARLIS/UK & Ireland Research Awards are made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor and have been established to support the research activities of librarians, archivists and curators in the art, architecture and design documentation sector. The non-member award intends to open research opportunities to individuals from groups currently under-represented. The awards are made annually and are advertised on the ARLIS website, the ARLIS UK & Ireland JISCmail list, social media channels and direct to Members.

The award may be used for any purpose related to research into the documentation of art, art librarianship or archival practice and may include travel within or outside the UK and Ireland, event attendance, and visits to libraries, collections and institutions (excluding events organised by ARLIS UK & Ireland itself).

There are two awards, one for a member of ARLIS and one for a non-member.

**Members Research Award up to £1500.**

**Non-members Research Award up to £1000.**

**We welcome applications from all – please read the guidelines below carefully and email your completed application to:** [**info@arlis.net**](mailto:info@arlis.net)

**Deadline for applications: Sunday 24th August 2025**

The successful applicants will be notified shortly after the application deadline.

## Guidelines

a. Applications for the Non-members Research Award are open to all. In recognition of the necessity for positive action towards addressing under-representation within art librarianship, applications from marginalised groups will be looked on favourably, as will applications which engage with any aspect of equality and social justice within art libraries and archives. Employment or experience of working in art libraries and archives is not required.

b. Applicants for the Members Research Award must be members (personal or institutional), of ARLIS/UK & Ireland. Current officers and Council members of ARLIS/UK & Ireland are eligible to apply. However, Grant Panel members are not eligible.

c. The proposed research project must be completed by the end of 2026. Within six weeks of the completion of travel or study, the recipient of any award shall present a full written report of 1000-1500 words to ARLIS Council, for publication on the ARLIS website.

d. If an application is not successful, it may be resubmitted the following year.

e. The decisions of the Grants Panel and ARLIS Council shall be final, and no correspondence regarding them shall be entered into.

f. ARLIS Council reserves the right to make no award if no suitable application is received.

g. In the event of there not being a suitable non-member applicant, then both awards may be given to members.

h. Past recipients may apply but should be aware that first-time applicants will have priority and will only be made to past recipients in the absence of first-time applicants.

## Application form

1. Name:

2. Email address:

3. Institution:

4. Job title:

5. Are you a personal member of ARLIS UK & Ireland?

6. Is your institution a member of ARLIS UK & Ireland?

7. Please provide a brief summary of your academic/professional education and qualifications, with dates (No more than 500 words):

8. Give a brief account of the purpose of your research programme, with an indication of how this would benefit a) yourself b) your institution c) art librarianship (No more than 1000 words):

9. If your research involves travelling, please use this section to provide more details e.g. dates, travel plans, libraries or institutions to be visited etc.

10. If you propose to use this award to attend a conference or course, please use this section to provide: Title of conference/course; name of organising body; dates and location/s; relevance of conference/course to your interests.

11. If you propose to use the award to facilitate a job exchange to aid your research, please state:

a. Name of host institution

b. Title of post and brief summary of duties

c. Relevance of proposed exchange to your own work

d. Length of job exchange

e. Details of correspondence with host library

12. What is the estimated cost of your programme? Please provide brief breakdown e.g. travel costs, travel and subsistence, conference fees, etc.

13. What is the sum you are applying for?

14. Have you applied to any other body for financial assistance? If yes, please provide details.

15. Will your institution contribute to your costs? Do you intend to seek, or have you already been offered, leave of absence from your employer to enable you to take up the award? If yes, provide details.

16. Please give the name and email address of a referee who is prepared to support your application.

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