

**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH CENTRE  
SUMMER SCHOLAR SCHEME 2024**

**APPLICATION FORM**

Closing date for applications: FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2023

**Personal details**

First Name:

Surname:

**Contact details**

Address:

Email address:

Telephone:

**Academic details**

What institution are you studying at?

What academic degree or program are you undertaking?

Are you enrolled (or intending to enrol) for 2024?

If yes at what year or level?

**How did you find out about the Summer Scholar Program?**

☐ HRC website ☐ Email ☐ Word of mouth ☐ HRC newsletter ☐ Social media ☐  
Other

If Other, please provide details .....

**Proposed projects for 2024:**

- Identify and research queer stories in the NMA's National Historical Collection. Undertake queer archival research on a particular collection in the National Historical Collection, and apply a queer theoretical lens to other objects in the National Historical Collection.
- Focus on a collection or collections from within the NMA's rich car and motoring collections to investigate what they say about Australia's social and cultural history.

- Bush Medicine and the Collection. How does the NMA collection connect to bush medicine and what objects can potentially display the extensive use of Australian native plants by First Nations people and early settlers.
- Botanical Style: looking closely at key objects acquired in the NMA's recent Trevor Kennedy acquisition, how are Australian native plants displayed on everyday items such as dinner plates, teacups, cutlery and other items, and what does this say about Australian culture and society at the time they were created.

Please nominate your preferred and second choice projects:

1<sup>st</sup> choice:

2<sup>nd</sup> choice

### Supporting Documents

1. Biographical statement (300 wd max) ☐ Attached ☐ Not Attached

2. Proposal (400 wd max) ☐ Attached ☐ Not Attached

Must include a description of why you have applied for this scholarship and why you are drawn to work on the research project areas you have nominated.

3. Current Academic Transcript ☐ Attached ☐ Not Attached

4. Writing sample or equivalent digital work ☐ Attached ☐ Not Attached

5. Referee report:

*It is your responsibility to ask an academic referee (a lecturer or supervisor) to write a reference for your application and ensure it is sent directly from the referee to [admin.HAL@anu.edu.au](mailto:admin.HAL@anu.edu.au) by the deadline.*

Please ask your referee to comment on your:

- Academic ability
- Reasons you will benefit from and contribute to this program
- Potential for and demonstrated interest in a career in museums and/or cultural/humanities research and/or practice

### Applicant's Signature

Name:

Date:

Signature:

Email this completed application form, with all supporting documents to

[admin.HAL@anu.edu.au](mailto:admin.HAL@anu.edu.au) no later than Friday 13 October 2023.

*Applications that are incomplete, late, or do not conform with word and page length requirements will not be considered. Referee reports must also be received by this date.*