

The Bill Cowan Barr Smith Library Fellowship Rules

1. The Fellowship will be formally named The Bill Cowan Barr Smith Library Fellowship. The Fellowship is funded from a Trust established by Marnie Cowan in 1994. She and husband Bill believed in the benefits of tertiary education, and wanted to help students financially. The Trust's continuing aim is to help financially stressed tertiary students. Since its commencement the Trust has given over \$2.9m in grants.
2. The Bill Cowan Barr Smith Library Fellowship aims to:
 - provide financial assistance up to a value determined annually by the donor and the University (usually around \$12,000) towards study for postgraduate degrees by research using the collections of the Barr Smith Library, University of Adelaide. The Barr Smith Library is defined to include its Branch libraries;
 - promote the Barr Smith Library as a centre of research excellence;
 - encourage research using the Library's collections and the production of publications based on them;
 - publicise the Library's collections.
3. The Fellowship will be available as income permits to students who are:-
 - a. currently residing temporarily or permanently in Australia; and
 - b. undertaking a postgraduate degree by research in a discipline supported by general and special collections held by the Barr Smith Library.Preference may be given to students from rural or regional Australia.
4. Post-doctoral researchers may be eligible within three years of a doctoral award where the research using the Barr Smith Library collections is being undertaken in attachment to an Australian University.
5. The Fellowship is awarded once only to an applicant. Subsequent applications will not be considered. The Trust may make a single or multiple awards in a particular year up to the value of the allocation from the Cowan Grant Trust. The Trust reserves the right not to award a Fellowship in any particular year.
6. The Fellowship is available to assist students financially with uninterrupted time to work with the Library's collections. Recipients must be undertaking study towards a postgraduate degree by research either commencing or in progress. Academic supporting testimonial is required and there must be evidence that the student's progress complies with the University's requirements.
7. Applications will be assessed by a selection panel including representatives from the Barr Smith Library and the Faculty of Arts, and a recommendation made to the Cowan Trust who will approve the award of the Fellowship.
8. Selection will be based on:
 - financial need;
 - location, with preference given to students from rural or regional backgrounds;
 - academic merit and research potential, to be determined by previous academic record, and academic referee statement(s);
 - originality of the use of Barr Smith Library collections;

- preference may be given to research topics relating to the history of research in Primary Industry conducted at the Waite campus, or to more general research in South Australian history;
 - interview (if required).
9. The Fellowship may be used to support and contribute to:
- travel to the Barr Smith Library in Adelaide;
 - accommodation, preferably at Kathleen Lumley College (Postgraduate College of the University of Adelaide);
 - other agreed costs associated with undertaking the research.
10. The Barr Smith Library will complement the award with provision of:
- a library study space;
 - borrowing membership of the Barr Smith Library for one year;
 - photocopying related to the research to the value of \$100;
 - inter-Library loans related to the research to the value of \$200.
11. Recipients are required to:
- take up their Fellowship within 12 months of the award;
 - spend significant time during their Fellowship at the Barr Smith Library and/or its Branch Libraries;
 - give a public presentation if requested, preferably a Friends of the Barr Smith Library Discovery Lecture, and communicate the results of their research to University staff;
 - publish the results of their research. This may be a conference contribution or/and a scholarly journal contribution on an aspect of the research;
 - the Fellow may be required to complete a Student Intellectual Property (IP) Deed Poll;;
 - place a copy of the published research in Special Collections of the Barr Smith Library or the Library's Institutional Repository
 - acknowledge the Bill Cowan Barr Smith Library Fellowship in their published results and/or PhD acknowledgements.
12. The successful applicant(s) will be under no obligation whatsoever to render any service to the benefactor, or the University of Adelaide as a result of receiving this Fellowship.
13. The rules of The Bill Cowan Barr Smith Library Fellowship may be varied from time to time by the Trust in consultation with the University of Adelaide, but the name and the general purpose of the Fellowship shall not be changed.
14. The University of Adelaide accepts no responsibility to support the recipient(s) of the Fellowship in the event that the Fellowship ceases to be funded for any reason.