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# INDIGENOUS FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

## Call for Expressions of Interest: Indigenous Family History Research Residency Fellowship.

**When:** 28 October to 8 November 2024

**Where:** Australian National University

**What:** We are seeking expressions of interest to take part in an Indigenous Family Research Residency. This is being hosted by Ann McGrath's ARC Laureate Program and the Research Centre for Deep History, in conjunction with the Australian Dictionary of Biography, of the National Centre for Biography, at the Australian National University.

This 2-week residential program is for Indigenous women interested in building their skills in family history research. The program will include a combination of workshops at ANU, primarily led by Indigenous historians and researchers, including the Australian Dictionary of Biography's Indigenous Research Editor, Shauna Bostock, collaborating scholars of the Research Centre for Deep History, and special guests, including Kath Travis (Victoria University).

**The Residency Fellowship also include introductory sessions and practical research experience at three of Canberra's key research sites:**

- Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS), led by the Family History Unit
- National Library Australia, led by the Indigenous Engagement Team
- National Archives Australia, led by the Aboriginal Engagement Team

**Participants will learn about practical strategies and tools to help with family research including:**

- Where to start
- Navigating catalogues
- Using digital archives
- Experiencing the reading room and handling archival material
- Making connections between different collections
- Organising research material
- Getting started with writing
- Developing a research plan

### **The Residency includes:**

- Self-contained, shared accommodation at ANU from 27 October to 9 November (2-bedroom apartments)
- An allowance of \$40 per day, per person for day-to-day costs (\$560 per person total)
- Contribution towards travel costs to Canberra (up to \$400 per person)
- A travel card with two bus trips per day to facilitate independent travel to the research sites (AIATSIS, NLA and NAA)
- Access to shared office space in the School of History at ANU
- A take-home Research Pack
- A certificate of completion
- The opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions for future workshops.

### **To apply:**

Please email [admin.rcdh@anu.edu.au](mailto:admin.rcdh@anu.edu.au) with the following:

- 1) A one-page CV including your education, work experience, and participation or volunteering in any similar workshops or community programs.
- 2) A one-page application that responds to the following questions:
  - What are the aims of your family research?
  - What family research have you undertaken so far?
  - How will you and/or your community members benefit from this research residency?
  - Are you able to participate in the two-week program at ANU in Canberra from 28 October to 8 November 2024?

### **Who is eligible?**

No specific academic qualifications are required.

Applications are open to Indigenous women engaged in family history.

Applicants must be able to spend two-weeks in Canberra from 28 October to 8 November 2024.

### **Selection process:**

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee chaired by a member of the Research Centre for Deep History and include members of the Australian Dictionary for Biography team and one other member of the School of History. The committee reserves the right to vary the number of residencies depending on the standard of applications or other exceptional circumstances.

### **Selection will be based on:**

- The potential for participation in the residency to benefit the applicant's research aims.
- The overall quality of the application.

**Please submit your expressions by 2 September 2024.**

**Successful applicants will be notified by 6 September 2024.**

**Applications should be emailed to: [admin.rcdh@anu.edu.au](mailto:admin.rcdh@anu.edu.au)**

If you have any questions, please call Beth on 0407057919 (between 6-22 August) or email [beth.marsden@anu.edu.au](mailto:beth.marsden@anu.edu.au)

The RCDH acknowledges and gives thanks for the feedback provided by participants in the first version of this workshop in April 2024. This input has been integral to the development of this Residency Fellowship.

[Follow this link for more information about the first workshop.](#)

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