

Nineteenth-Century Matters 2023-2024

University of Glasgow

Outline

Nineteenth-Century Matters is an initiative jointly run by the British Association for Romantic Studies and the British Association for Victorian Studies. Now in its seventh year, it is aimed at postdoctoral researchers who have completed their PhD, but who are not currently employed in a full-time academic post. Nineteenth-Century Matters offers unaffiliated early career researchers a platform from which to organise professionalisation workshops and research seminars on a theme related to nineteenth-century studies, and relevant to the host institution's specialisms. The focus should be on the nineteenth century, rather than on Romanticism or Victorianism.

For the coming year, the Nineteenth-Century Matters Fellowship will provide the successful applicant with affiliation at the University of Glasgow. The fellowship will run for one year from 1 June 2023 to 1 June 2024. Glasgow's [School of Critical Studies](#) is a major centre for nineteenth-century scholarship, with specialists working in fields including textual editing, travel writing, medical and scientific humanities, periodical culture, authorship, book history, reception studies, and place-based approaches. Glasgow's [Archives and Special Collections](#) are rich in Romantic-period and Victorian material, including a wide range of print brought in under the 1710 Copyright Act, extensive holdings of illustrated works (including William Blake illuminated books), rich collections of nineteenth-century novels, and extensive archives relating to industry, shipping, retail, education, and publishing.

In addition to intellectual exchange and collaboration, the successful fellow will benefit from:

- Access to University of Glasgow library resources, both physical and digital, and including Archives and Special Collections, for the duration of the fellowship.
- A mentor from the School of Critical Studies who can advise on research, careers, and public engagement.
- Access to University of Glasgow events and research community.
- Free access to the BARS Early Career and Postgraduate Conference held at the University of Edinburgh from 15-16 June 2023 (with the potential to assist with organisation, if desired).
- Access to the University of Glasgow webinar function to host online events, if desired.
- Access to room bookings to host in-person events, if desired.

There is no requirement for the Fellow to live in the Glasgow area and accommodation will not be provided as part of the fellowship. The primary purpose of the fellowship is to enable the successful applicant to continue with an affiliation and remain part of the academic community. It is a non-stipendiary post, and the fellow will need to support themselves financially. The fellow will, however, be financially supported by BARS and BAVS to organise a research or professionalization event on a theme relevant to their own and/or the University of Glasgow's interests, with a contribution of £1,500 towards the fellow's expenses and event costs incurred. It is also expected that the fellow will acknowledge BARS, BAVS, and the University of Glasgow in any publications that arise from their position.

Application Process

Applicants should submit a CV with a two-page proposal describing their research topic and proposed event, and explaining why they would benefit from the fellowship. Applicants can propose research on any aspect of the nineteenth century; we are keen to encourage interdisciplinary proposals which might include, but are not limited to: literature, history, art history, theatre, periodical culture, medical humanities and 19th-century legacies. Applications should be sent to Briony Wickes (Briony.Wickes@rhul.ac.uk) and Amanda Blake Davis (a.davis2@derby.ac.uk). The deadline for applications is **Monday 30 January (23:59 GMT)**.