



The Rettig Fellowship 2026

The purpose of the program

The Royal Swedish Academy of History, Letters and Antiquities is pleased to offer Short-Term Research Fellowships to support young PhD students and scholars, and civil servants engaged in the Academy's field of activity. The fellowship is intended to support projects that use the special collections on-site at the archive and library of the Swedish National Heritage Board (terms specified below).

The aim of the scholarship program is to facilitate use of the collections at the archive and library of the Swedish National Heritage Board. For more information about the collections, please consult the web pages of the archive and the library: www.raa.se/hitta-information/arkiv-och-bibliotek/ [in Swedish].

During the application period two digital briefings will be held, which will provide an overview of the collections at the Swedish National Heritage Board, with room for Q & A. Do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or want to learn more about our collections, and feel free to sign up for one of the briefings (link on the website).

More info about previous recipients of the Rettig Fellowship can be found here: www.raa.se/rettig [in Swedish].

Eligibility and selection criteria

Young PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and civil servants working within the Academy's field of activity, i.e. the humanities, the social sciences, and cultural environment care, are welcome to apply. Four stipends will be awarded at this time, two to male scholars and two to female scholars, all in accordance with the donors' wills.

The selection committee will consider:

- the demonstrated need to consult specific items or collections at the archive and library of the Swedish National Heritage Board
- the novelty of the proposed project

The stipend

The stipend consists of a one-time amount of SEK 100,000. It is not possible to apply for further allowance for accommodation, travels etc. Please note: The scholarship does not



include health care insurance or other benefits. Stipends may be subject to taxation. Consult your local tax authority for advice.

Key Dates

Applications must be submitted by 15 August 2026. Late applications will not be considered. Applicants will be notified on 15 September 2026.

The funds need to be requisitioned no later than 31 December 2027. The same deadline applies to the submission of the project report, and the mandatory research output must be completed, or scheduled, by the same date at the latest (details below).

Application

The application must consist of the following two parts:

- project proposal, not exceeding 1,500 words
- abbreviated CV of no more than two pages

The project proposal needs to include a general description of the research project, its title and format, and the applicant's contact details. Furthermore, it should demonstrate the significance of the research project in your field of study and explain how the collections at the Swedish National Heritage Board will contribute to the progress and completion of the research project. It should also include an indication of intended outputs, such as publication, exhibition, or presentation.

The application should be sent to rettig@raa.se.

Terms of the fellowship awards

The stipends can only be awarded to individual scholars, not a research group or similar. Scholars who have already been awarded a Rettig Fellowship may apply again, on the condition that their previous project has been completed.

The research project must result in the publication of an article or the equivalent (grant application, compilation of database, conference paper, or similar). The fellow is also invited to deliver a 30-minute public lecture at the Swedish National Heritage Board.

The fellow will submit a c. 1,000-word written report on the completion of their fellowship and a 150-word summary of the project and its outcomes. The texts may be published on the webpage of the Swedish National Heritage Board (and the Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities).



Further information

Questions about the fellowship may be sent to rettig@raa.se.

GDPR och integritetspolicy

You will find more information about GDPR and integrity policy at the website of the Swedish National Heritage Board: www.raa.se/aktuellt/information-enligt-dataskyddsförordningen/personuppgifter-i-enlighet-med-dataskyddsförordningen-gdpr-fou/ [in Swedish].

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