Census Fellowship in the Reception of Antiquity

Berlin, London, Rome
Application deadline: Jan 31, 2026

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The Institut für Kunst- und Bildgeschichte, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, the Bibliotheca Hertziana – Max Planck Institute for Art History, and the Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London, are pleased to announce a fellowship in Berlin, Rome, and London, offered at either the predoctoral or postdoctoral level. These fellowships grow out of the longstanding collaboration between the Humboldt, the Hertziana, and the Warburg in the research project Census of Antique Works of Art and Architecture Known in the Renaissance (https://www.census.de).

The fellowships extend the traditional chronological boundaries of the Census and are dedicated to research and intellectual exchange on topics related to the reception of antiquity in the visual arts between c. 1350 and c. 1900. In the context of the fellowships, the topic of the reception of antiquity is also broadly conceived without geographical restriction. Proposals can optionally include a digital humanities perspective, engage with the database of the Census (https://database.census.de/), or make use of the research materials of the Census project available in Berlin, Rome, and London.

The Humboldt, the Hertziana, and the Warburg sponsor a research grant of 6 months for students enrolled in a PhD program (predocs), or 4 months for candidates already in possession of a PhD (early career postdocs). Fellows can set their own schedule and choose how to divide their time evenly between at least two institutes, of which one must be the Hertziana.

The stipend will be set at c. 1,500 EUR per month at the predoctoral level and c. 2,500 EUR per month at the postdoctoral level, plus a travel stipend of 500 EUR. The fellowship does not provide housing.

The sponsoring institutes adhere to the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and therefore encourage applications from underrepresented groups.

Candidates can apply via the portal available on the Hertziana website (https://recruitment.biblhertz.it/positiondetails/19759109). They should upload the requested PDF documents in English, German, or Italian by January 31st, 2026, with details of their proposed dates for the fellowship during the year 2026 (starting earliest March, ending latest December 2026).

Reference:

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